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Students gather on the steps of McCullough. Photo by Ed Suh

Women's center remains incomplete; lacks funds

By Janice Kodaira

Middlebury College will have to wait longer than anticipated for the opening of its new Women's Resource Center.

The center, originally expected to open this fall in Tilden House, located behind Proctor, has not yet undergone any of the proposed renovations because of a lack of funding.

"Things are ready to go in every other aspect [except finance]," said Mona Wheatley, director of special gifts and development.

According to Wheatley, the original special price of the renovation project turned out to be lower than the actual cost because of unanticipated, necessary additions such as a disabled access ramp and a disabled-equipped bathroom facility in accordance with disability laws.

The original estimate for the cost of renovation was $45-50,000, according to Diana Henderson, assistant professor of English and co-director of the women's studies program. The latest estimation is about $75,000, said Henderson.

There were some revisions of the architect's plans, Henderson said. When prospective occupants of the center were consulted about the building, "what became clear is that students wanted space to be accessible and welcoming to all student groups", including a flexible use of space, moveable furniture, and infinite hours.

Fundraising is continuing in an effort to raise the amount needed to begin renovations. Since the center is not a part of the college's budget, all funds must come from private contributions.

Many alumni, including Dean Carroll Gordon '57, who has set up a challenge grant to be used for the center, have donated money. Nevertheless, more is still needed and alumni across the country are being sent letters asking them to support the project.

Wheatley said that she hopes the center will open by Winter Term. No official date has been set, however.

Although the Women's Union has been asking for a Women's Center for over 20 years, the actual impetus for the project came after the death of Alison Fraker '89 in the spring of her senior year. Fraker was a strong advocate of a Women's Center on campus, and after her death her parents donated money to have a space created in her memory.

In the new center, which will be renamed Chellis House in honor of May Belle Chellis, class of 1886, the first woman to graduate from Middlebury College, will be the Alison Fraker Reading Room, a lounge, a resi-

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Students speak out on symposium

By John Doty

Students and faculty discussed the impact and historical treatment of Columbus's voyage to the new world at a gathering on the steps of McCullough on September 13. Blame, victimization, and conquest were among the issues presented in response to "1492-1992: A Symposium."

Sayra Pinto '95 criticized the conference on the grounds that "most of the discussions surrounded one man. That makes me really angry, because it perpetuates the myth of the singular importance of Columbus, while disregarding the other participants, both European and Native American," said Pinto.

Ellen Oxfeld, associate professor of sociology/anthropology, agreed that the destruction was not necessarily because of one individual, but argued that Columbus could be blamed for initiating "a pattern of relationships." She said, "It was one big massive land grab going on in which indigenous people lost a lot, in which many, many, many were simply eliminated. We know that as historical fact."

Alejandro Lopez '93 had mixed feelings about the conference. He agreed that the conference was important, saying, "there are things that need to be said, that need to be taught, that need to be learned if we want to believe in the idea of a multicultural society that is aware of its diverse aspects."

Lopez opposed, however, the idea of having a symposium about these issues simply because of the 500th anniversary of Columbus, arguing that these issues need to be addressed more often and in greater depth.

He called for the introduction of a "new type of history to the history books" which accounted for the contributions of the American people who preceded Columbus.

Jack Martínez '93 raised the issue of blame. He didn't think it was fair to use Columbus as an excuse to justify the current situation of minorities in the United States or to explain much of the political turmoil associated with Latin America. He acknowledged that there was a link, but stressed that the arrival of Columbus could not be blamed for the oppression of today.

Martinez disagreed with minorities who presented themselves as victims of Columbus. "Many minorities tend to hold on to that, and present a victimized face that I have a hard time dealing with. I don't feel victimized," he said. "I don't think that what is happening today is a direct result of what we have been talking about with Columbus," he continued.

Oxford responded, "I think one can fairly say that those people were conquered. And they keep being conquered." She pointed out that indigenous people lost their land, lost their rights, and many lost their lives.

Martínez asked, "How much longer will we hold onto this victimization? When will we start addressing ways to deal with it?"

Several students said that people should not use the 500th anniversary to re-victimize a population, but rather to come to terms with the past and to move forward.

Pinto argued that, nevertheless, we can not ignore what happened, and she said she would not forget what her ancestors have endured.

"What is the next step? How do we become a people who love people? How do we stop killing ourselves? How do I stop blaming white men? Most people get stuck on this last question," said Pinto.

The discussion then addressed the role of the college in confronting issues and promoting action.

"The classroom is to raise questions," Oxfeld said. She said that often education leads to action, but that it would be "inappropriate" in the

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Dean for Planning implements report

Katharine Loos

Kirsten Powell, associate professor of art, has been appointed the new Dean for Planning, a three year position through Powell will help to implement the ten year planning document created last year and approved by the trustees in May.

The Planning Committee, assembled in the spring of '91, compiled a planning report that outlined principles, goals and recommendations for the college's future. Powell was one of the ten members of the committee which was chaired by President John McCardell.

The section of the document outling recommendations is the most specific part of the committee's report, listing objectives the college hopes to achieve over the next three years. "We have to do what we can to make these recommendations a reality," said Powell.

Powell's role is "to monitor our progress in actually carrying out the recommendations of the long range plan," said Dean of the College John Emerson.

Powell's appointment to this newly created position marks "the entering of planning into a new phase," said McCardell. Powell will use her "knowledge and experience from serving on the [Planning] Committee" to carry out the recommendations of the planning document, said McCardell.

Dean for Planning is an "open ended" position in its first year, according to Powell.

"I see myself as a research person and as a kind of point person, hopefully, who can help other people on campus make a recommendation something more than just words on a page."

As a former member of the Planning Committee, Powell plans to explain the committee's intentions to those delegated to carry them out. She will "explain the rationale behind [a recommendation], provide some history for why this recommendation took the form it did," said Powell.

Some goals of the document will take longer to fulfill than others. Powell is already working on the Commons System, a change in residential life that

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A woman and her dog enjoy the sun on Proctor Terrace. Photo by Roberta Stewart

College Shorts

Students plead guilty to virus charge

Three former Cornell University students recently pleaded guilty to charges that they created and let loose a computer virus last February that temporarily disabled computers worldwide.

The students launched their virus in computer games, among them offshoots of the popular game "Tetris." When individuals copied the games from public computer bulletins, the virus spread to their personal computers. The virus did not affect original data files, but did damage software, such as the system which operates software and word processors.

The three students were Cornell sophomores at the time of their crime, but no longer attend the university. University officials decline to state whether or not they were expelled or withdrew voluntarily. The students, however, do face criminal charges.

USM drops ROTC program

Students attending the University of Southern Maine will no longer be allowed to participate in the U.S. Army Reserve's Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

Due to the Defense Department's controversial ban on homosexuals in the military, faculty members urged the university to drop ROTC, saying this ban violated university anti-discrimination policies.

The Army closed Maine's campus ROTC program in 1991 because of Defense Department budget cutbacks, but it was still possible for students to take courses through an arrangement with the University of New Hampshire. Although no new students may enter the program after this year, the 27 students still enrolled in Army ROTC courses will be allowed to finish the program.

U of Wisconsin repeals landmark "hate speech" ban

This week the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents repealed a ban on "hate speech" that set a precedent for other schools across the country.

The president of the board, George Steil, Sr., said the regents' vote was prompted by several recent court decisions that raised the question of whether the rule violated the students' rights to free speech as defined by the First Amendment.

"I believe it is unconstitutional," said Mr. Steil.

The university imposed the ban after several racial incidents, one of which included a "slave auction" at a Madison fraternity where the pledges' faces were painted black. It was also enacted in response to what seemed to be a resurgence of racism and bigotry on campuses across the country.

The rule barred speech that could promote a hostile learning environment by degrading a person's sex, religion, color, creed, sexual orientation, or ancestry.

The ban underwent a modification in 1991 when a Federal District Court Judge voided the rule, declaring that it was unconstitutionally broad. Other similar rulings brought the rule to its current state.

Victor de Jesus, co-president of the Wisconsin Student Association, stated that he initially backed the "hate-speech" rule, but he had changed his mind because he thought the regents were using it as a means to avoid the real problems of minority students on campus.

"Now they can finally start putting their efforts into some of our major concerns like financial aid, student awareness and recruitment/retention," DeJesus said.

Harvard's Ecolympics inspire conservation

Environmentally conscious students at Harvard University have taken the initiative to raise money to benefit the environment through a series of inter-residence hall competitions called the Ecolympics. The energy-saving measures have helped the school cut almost $500,000 from its energy bill.

After a successful first year, the Ecolympics entered a crucial phase.

"Last year was just a banner year," said Brett Huff, a Harvard senior and founder of the program. "But because there was such great inefficiency in the past, it's going to be much harder to conserve."

In the Ecolympics, results for each residence hall's monthly use of electricity, heating oil, and water were compared with the same month's totals from the previous year, and the percentage of savings are translated as points for each residence. Houses are also awarded two bonus points monthly for recycling cans, bottles and newspapers.

School aids racist police search

The president of the State University of New York in Oneonta blasted the school's staff this week for compiling a list of the names and residences of black male students for police who had been looking for a crime suspect.

Alan Donovan, the college president, apologized to students and criticized police for implementing an investigation "in violation of civil rights."

The problem began when a 77-year-old woman reported that she had been stabbed in a burglary attempt in her home.

She told police she was positive the suspect, whom she identified as black, had cut his hand in the attack. The local sheriff and state police then put out an alert describing a college-aged black male.

Leif Hartmark, the college vice president, then created the list of over 100 students and gave it to police, who searched dorms and private residences in search of black males.

"They came to my dorm, asked me where I was the night before, and demanded to see my hands," said Dan Sotag, a junior from Scotia majoring in business.

"You don't see them questioning every white man every time somebody commits a crime," said Clemene Mallory, a political science major who was also questioned.

The Third World Association, a campus organization that represents minority groups, stated that it was discussing the issue with a lawyer.

"We will not let our guard down or allow this issue to be forgotten or be put in a file in the back of a closet until we get some justice," it stated.

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NEWS

Campaign Trail '92

By Jim Oleske

The Jewish Vote

Both President Bush and Governor Clinton addressed the B'nai B'rith International Convention this past week in hopes of expanding their support among Jewish Americans. Bush made his appeal in person on Tuesday and stressed his strength in foreign affairs, focusing on his Gulf War policy.

He reminded the audience that Clinton made ambiguous statements concerning the gulf conflict prior to hostilities. He also defended his position on loan guarantees, one which has enraged many in the Jewish community, and denied accusations that he has pursued an anti-Semitic agenda.

"To accuse those who may come to different conclusions on one or another political issue of harboring anti-Semitism is to cheapen the term. That is dangerous," Bush said.

Bush was politely received but failed to make any significant inroads. Clinton, on the other hand, despite an unpopular decision to address the crowd via satellite, won much applause for his domestic message.

Clinton cited the lack of Jews in the administration and made reference to the strong Christian message at the Republican convention represented by speakers such as Pat Buchanan.

In his most interesting point, Clinton stated his belief that a strong American economy should be the chief concern of Israel's supporters because of the direct relationship to the economies of countries that receive American aid.

Clinton's biggest problem right now may be that he has come out in support of the sale of warplanes to Saudi Arabia. However, if Bush takes the same position, as he is expected to do, the issue will be negated and Clinton can expect a solid majority of the Jewish vote.

Trying to Be Truman

Since the Republican convention, George Bush has responded to his position in the polls by likening himself to Harry S. Truman, a comeback winner in 1948. Now both candidates are appealing to the memory of this popular president, but from different points of view.

In a sweep through the Midwest, Clinton talked about how Truman was a champion of the middle class who did not help the special interests.

The governor went on to say how he believed that George Bush was destroying that middle class while pampering the rich.

Meanwhile the president, also in the Midwest, explained that Clinton lacked the leadership qualities that Truman exemplified.

He also said that both Clinton and the former president had served their country dutifully, a subtle but effective attack on Clinton, whose draft status has been a lingering issue.

It came to light this week that while Bush now seems to hold Truman in high regard, in 1948 he voted for his opponent, Thomas Dewey.

The Sleaze Factor

In Alabama, the Greater Birmingham Young Republicans published a newsletter this week that used thinly veiled racism to make its point.

A picture of the Clinton family with the 12 year old black boy who sang "America the Beautiful" at the Democratic Convention was prominently displayed.

A caption likened the Clinton daughter to Amy Carter, and implied that the Clinton family did not look "presidential" due to the presence of the black child.

In less disturbing, but still questionable fashion, two Clinton rallies were interrupted this week by planes flying overhead with banners calling Clinton a draft dodger.

A head Clinton advisor admitted to using the same technique in the '88 race against Bush in Boston.

Latest Polls:

Date		Clinton	Bush
9/6	Wash Post/ABC	53	38
9/5	NBC	49	40
9/6	Tarrance Group	48	43

Sanders addresses election year issues

By Robert Baronowski

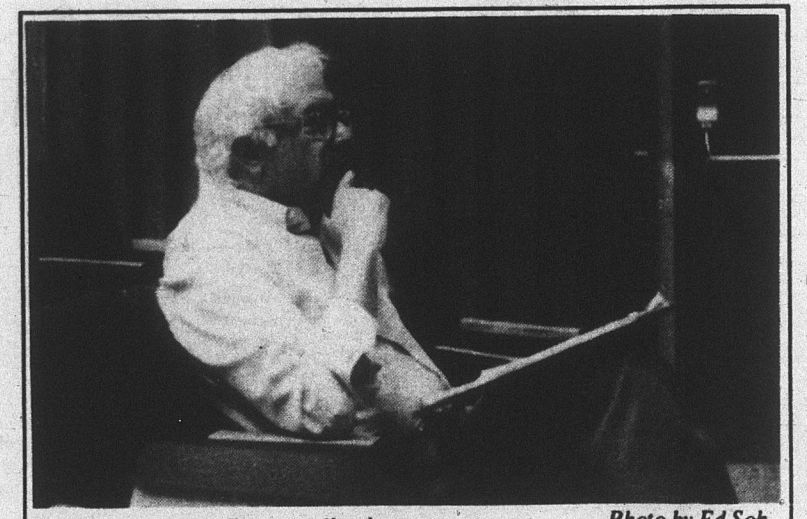
Independent Congressman Bernie Sanders addressed a crowd of over 100 people from the Middlebury community Monday as part of his bid for re-election this November.

Sanders' lecture covered both his political philosophy and the policies that he followed in his last term. Speaking mostly on domestic issues, Sanders focused on his belief that politics is based on priorities, and that his priorities lie in the improvement of our society.

Sanders broadly outlined what he saw wrong in American society today. He sees many of the issues facing the nation as evidence of a class struggle, as the wealthy slowly gain more power over the poor, pointing toward an oligarchic two-tiered society. "Wealth equals power," said Sanders. Because the wealthy are becoming increasingly powerful, he argued, our most pressing problems are being ignored.

Sanders went on to describe what he sees as the nation's numerous ailments and how he has tried to cure them. He is an avid supporter of health care reform, citing the fact that only South Africa and the United States lack a national health care policy among industrialized nations. "If you have the money, you can get the best health care in the world. If you don't have the money, you can't get in the door," said Sanders.

Sanders also decried the nation's inability to effectively confront environmental problems. "The president wants to drill offshore oil and exploit the Arctic wilderness. I think that's very wrong," said Sanders. He does not see a concern for the environment as a contradiction to our need for jobs. Instead, he argued that we need to create an economy that is pro-environment. This may be accomplished by making the United Staes more efficient in terms of energy use by improving mass transit, fuel economy, and recycling efforts, according to Sanders.



Bernie Sanders in Dana Auditorium. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Returning to his theme of priorities, Sanders pointed to the homeless problem which has increased dramatically in the past 15 to 20 years. He views the government's reaction to this problem as inadequate when $4.5 billion was spent last year on research and development for new nuclear weapons.

Sanders was equally troubled at the amount of money allotted for nuclear weapons despite the soaring costs of higher education. He firmly believes that higher education can be made affordable for anyone who desires it, provided the nation sets it as a priority.

Sanders is renowned as an outspoken and controversial member of Congress. He has been called both a socialist and a progressive, but is not affiliated with any political party. He describes his stand as one that is more closely aligned with the Democratic Party than with the Republican, but believes that "both the Democratic and Republican Parties are incapable of dealing with our problems." Commenting on his own efficacy, Sanders believes statistics would show that he has had more success passing legislation than most affiliated members of Congress.

Fielding questions from the audience, Sanders reluctantly gave his endorsement to presidential candidate Bill Clinton. He does not regard Clinton as particularly worthy, but feels four more years of President Bush and his policies will leave the country in a shambles.

Sanders also responded to questions regarding women's issues, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and term limitations. He is strongly in favor of the Freedom of Choice Act and a supporter of a woman's right to choose regarding abortion.

He also favors more funding for the NEA, in light of the fact that the United States already spends less on the arts than other nations of our stature.

Speaking against term limitations, Sanders voiced a concern that while dissatisfaction with the government is warranted, clearing Congress periodically would make it less efficient than it is already.

Sanders, former mayor of Burlington and a frequent visitor to Middlebury, has served nearly two years in Congress.

"1492-1992" challenges the idea of discovery

New York Times Editor John Noble Wilford

By Becki Plona

John Noble Wilford, science editor for the New York Times, delivered an address entitled "Discovering Columbus and Ourselves" September 10 as the first event in the weekend-long symposium, "1492-1992: A Symposium."

Wilford's lecture focused on the idea that Christopher Columbus has historically been seen in a romanticized version of the real man, possessing traits that have been greatly exaggerated.

"The Columbus of 1992 is a post-colonial de-mythologized Columbus," Wilford said. Columbus today is a real man with all his flaws intact, not a legendary one, he added.

The character traits that Wilford described as "the key to the man" were Columbus's confidence and imagination. He was, according to Wilford, a man who dared to set goals and tried to attain them.

Wilford described the factual Columbus as a "persistent, stubborn man" with a fanatically religious side who was rejected by the monarchy of Portugal and was forced to plead with Ferdinand and Isabella for eight years before being granted the opportunity to seek the "New World."

Mr. Wilford concluded his lecture with a warning against the danger of disregarding Columbus's importance in light of some of the more negative results of his discovery.

"In debunking Columbus," he asked, "what is it that we debunk: the man himself, or the consequences of his actions?"

Noted writer Michael Dorris

By Lisa Horwitz

As part of the 1492-1992 symposium, Michael Dorris, a noted writer of Native American themes, offered a unique perspective on the concept of discovery and the inevitable confusion surrounding it at his lecture on September 12 in Dana Auditorium.

Using examples from Columbus's diary and his own work, Dorris recreated the expectations of the two peoples during their first encounters. Dorris's most recent publications include "The Crown of Columbus," a historical novel centering on the ramifications of the 1492 encounter co-written with his wife, Native American novelist Louise Erdrich, and a fictional account of the first girl to encounter the Europeans, entitled "Morning Girl."

In addition, he explained the faulty assumptions held in both worlds which led to confusion and eventual genocide.

One of the major differences between European and pre-contact American culture was the value placed on religion and land rights, according to Dorris.

Another important difference between the cultures stemmed from the Europeans' relative ethnocentrism due to their lack of exposure to different worlds.

Dorris urged his audience to learn from our history and celebrate our diversity. "America is the world's last chance to create a harmonious future," he said. He hoped to encourage the audience to question accepted history and to temper grade school lessons with new understanding and logical reasoning.

Pardon Tillinghast, Cassandra Potts and Jack Rossen outside Sunderland. *Photo by Abdul Kalaff*

Professors Tillinghast and Potts

By Maja Thaler

Pardon Tillinghast, professor emeritus of history, gave a lecture entitled "The Intellectual Assumptions Behind Columbus" on Saturday morning in Dana Auditorium.

In addition to professor Tillinghast's discourse, Cassandra Potts, assistant professor of history, gave a speech with the help of local expert Dr. Jack Russin, entitled "Imagine Italian Cooking Without Tomatoes." The presentation reflected on the consequences of Columbus's voyage.

According to Tillinghast, Columbus subscribed to the old crusading ideal, namely, "to convert all people to the Christian religion before the end of the world, which was coming soon."

Tillinghast sees the poor treatment of Native Americans as a result of the travellers' doubts that they were fully human beings, having never been taught the gospel.

The fascination with different cultures instilled by the Renaissance, and the inventions of the compass, gunpowder, and printing formed the question, "not would they expand, but how and where, " said Tillinghast. He stated that Columbus "never knew what he found, but our world has never been the same since."

Picking up where Tillinghast left off, Potts and Rossin discussed how both the "Old World," and the "New World" were dramatically influenced by each other and their interaction.

Potts stated that although neither side was prepared for the spread of new diseases, the New World was more vulnerable to such "deadly stowaways." Isolation and lack of exposure to pathogens made Native Americans more vulnerable and thus led to the death of millions from foreign disease.

Along with the introduction of foreign disease, six species of hoofed animals (horses, pigs, cattle, donkeys, sheep and goats) were imported into the New World.

Both Rossin and Potts discussed the introduction of new foods and crops in both worlds and stated that while relatively few plants from Europe where imported to the Americas, a large amount were brought from the Americas into Europe.

Abernethy Professor John McWilliams

By Monica Klein

John McWilliams, Abernethy professor of American literature and civilization, spoke about "Visions of Columbus" as part of the 1492 symposium.

McWilliams raised doubts about all of the "facts" and "truths" taught in some history classes. He went on to raise the question, "does truth really exist in the telling of history?"

All of history, including Columbus's arrival in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492, is subjective, according to McWilliams.

"What we see depends on who we are, where we stand, and when we look."

McWilliams offered the audience the choice of seeing Christopher Columbus as "master mariner and devout Christian in tenacious pursuit of a bold new and true idea" or as a "Eurocentric imperialist who in fact discovered nothing but whose obsession for gold soon brought slavery and genocide upon native peoples."

Either of these views can be supported by many sources so that neither one is wrong, but then neither one is correct.

Also included in McWilliams's treatment of the encounter were contemporary views of the meeting of the two cultures written by Vine Deloria, a Native American activist. Deloria often uses a humorous approach to Columbus and his supposed "discovery."

One such joke has Native Americans, upon viewing the Spaniards' arrival on the American continent, saying, "there goes the neighborhood."

History, according to McWilliams, should be approached by asking "What do we not know about this episode?" Only then, he said, can we begin to get an idea of what may have occurred without losing the actual events to their inevitable subjectivity.

Liebowitz joins development office

By Jennifer Normandin

In a move to strengthen faculty participation in the college development effort, Ronald Liebowitz, associate professor of geography, was appointed Faculty Development Associate by President John McCardell. The new position will tentatively last for one year.

The faculty development associate is a newly created position that will work in conjunction with the Development Office to raise funds for the college. "The college only charges students 66 percent of what it takes to have them here. A little more comes from the endowment. The rest must come from alumni support, parent support, and foundation support," said Liebowitz.

As the associate, Liebowitz will act as a liaison between the college and external constituencies, and between the Development Office and the faculty.

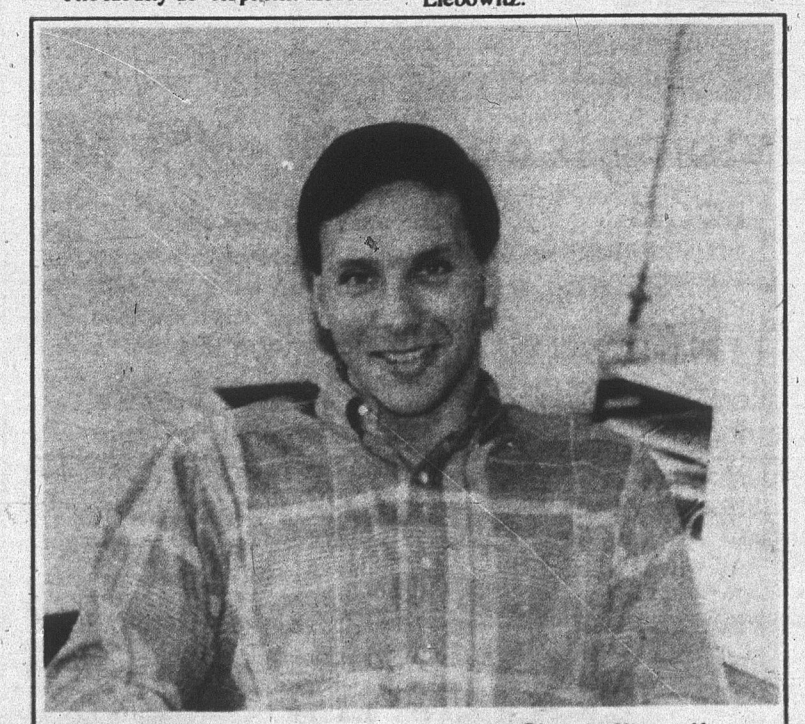
Liebowitz served on the Planning Committee last year.

"The Planning Committee set some pretty high goals for the college," he said, speaking of the college's budget of $72 million per year.

"The 1990s are a different economic climate. The college is going to need as much help as it can get to live up to the plan," he said.

"The possibilities that exist for faculty and students on campus are directly related to what the Development team is doing in the field," Liebowitz noted. "Who can speak better on the mission of the college than the faculty?"

Liebowitz will retain his position in the Geography department, and will continue teaching part-time, while he works in conjunction with the Development Office. "It's a position that John [McCardell] had envisioned for a while," Liebowitz said. "We'll see if it's viable."



Ron Liebowitz *Photo by Kirsten Hanson*

Socialist candidate addresses luncheon

By Mary Maxham

Socialist vice-presidential candidate Estelle DeBates spoke to members of the Middlebury community about her campaign and the platform of the Socialist party on September 11 in the Mitchell Green Lounge.

DeBates and James Warren, the presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, have recently been traveling the country campaigning and relaying information about their party's platform to those interested.

Their purpose is to "present a socialist alternative to racism, and the economic discontent of capitalism." DeBates argued that the central question facing the working class and young people today is the escalation of "Washington's war drive."

DeBates said that Bush's plan for re-election is based upon coercing Iraq into another war and that Clinton's speeches are even more war oriented than those of Bush.

DeBates argued that if Clinton or Bush assume office the nation will be threatened with another world war. It is the logical response of these parties to the "new world disorder," namely the breakdown of communism in the USSR, trade wars, and the early stages of worldwide depression, to adopt an aggressive foreign policy, said DeBates.

DeBates outlined the Socialist party's "Action Program to Confront the Economic Crisis." The program, which serves as the basic Socialist platform for this election, emphasizes the need to fight for jobs. DeBates argued that unemployment has fostered divisions within the working class. The party's proposed solution is to lower the work week from 40 hours to 30 hours with minimal or no reduction in pay. The party believes that this would increase the work force and open up millions of jobs.

Massive affirmative action is another primary focus of DeBates and her running mate. The Socialist party argues that discrimination in the work place is a national problem that needs to be dealt with immediately. DeBates said that she and Warren would fight to create equal opportunity in many arenas such as jobs, housing and education, among others.

The cancelation of third world debt is another priority of DeBates. With 40,000 children dying of malnutrition in these countries, DeBates proposes that we cancel their debts to larger nations so that they can concentrate on feeding their own people.

DeBates stressed that she does not have a dim outlook for the future. She said that we, "have a future of democracy to look forward to," and hopes that whoever is making decisions for our country learns from past mistakes and avoids going to war.

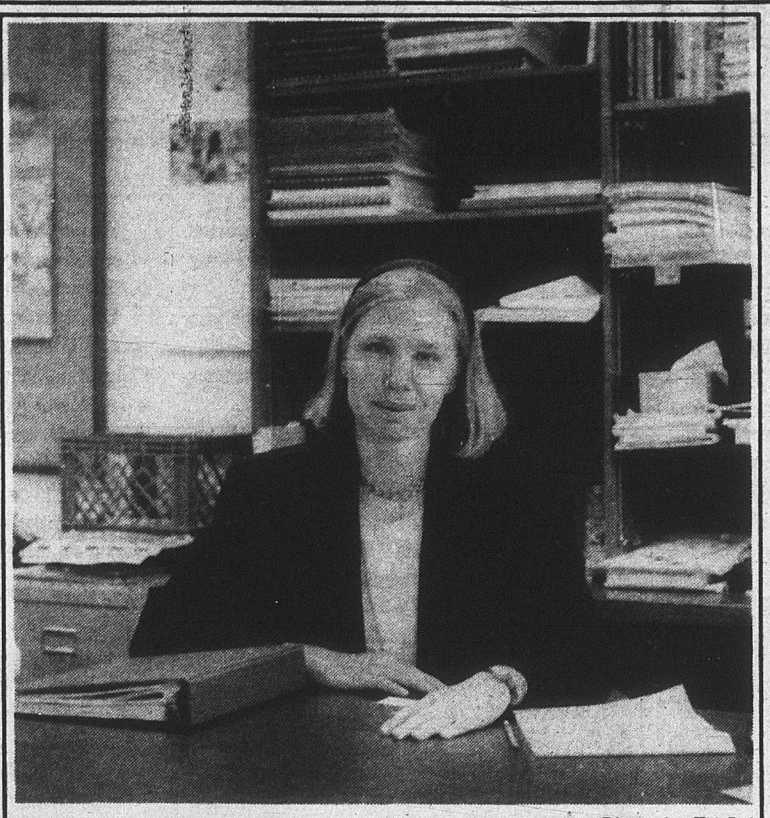
Trustees appoint new members to board

Middlebury College's Board of Trustees has named two distinguished Middlebury Alumni to five-year terms on the college's board of trustees. The action was taken at the trustees' meeting of May 9.

Robert C. Graham, Jr., of New York City, and William H. Kieffer III of Marblehead, Massachusetts, were both named Term Trustees. They will join the board as of July 1.

Graham, 51, was a 1963 graduate of Middlebury College. He has been associated with the Graham Gallery in New York City for the past 30 years and is currently principal owner and present of Graham Gallery and Graham Modern. He serves on the boards of the Stamford, Connecticut Museum and Nature Center and the Stamford Center for the Arts. He also serves on the board of the Overbrook Foundation of New York City and the Martha's Vineyard Historical Preservation Society. Graham's ties to the arts have extended to Middlebury College, where he has served on the Visiting Committee on the Arts. That committee of alumni and parents provided the college with direction and assistance as the college began to develop the Middlebury College Center for the Arts, which opened this fall.

Kieffer, 50, is a 1964 graduate, and has served on the board of the Middlebury College Alumni Association since 1985. For the past three years, he has been president of that 19,000-member organization. Following service in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, Kieffer entered the banking business, first with the Irving Trust Company in New York, and then with Southern California First National Bank in San Diego. Since 1973, he has been vice president and division head of the State Street Bank and Trust Company in Boston. An active volunteer leader, he has served the New England Medical Center, the American Red Cross of Mass Bay, and other organizations.



Kirsten Powell in her office. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Women's Center

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nar room, a kitchen, an activities office, and two faculty offices.

The center will serve as the new home for campus groups concerned with gender issues. Presently the headquarters for organizations including the Women's Union, Oasis Outreach, Artemis, Students for Choice, Lifechance, Students Organizing Students, the Middlebury Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance, the Eating Disorders Discussion Group, and the Brown Bag Lunch Series, in which faculty and students discuss women's issues, is located next to the Mitchell-Green Room in McCullough.

South Africa Scholarship Fund

For many years, the events in South Africa have occupied our thoughts and demanded from us responses. Middlebury College has, for the last six years, worked with the New England Board of Higher Education to provide three scholarships at $2,800 each as part of a collective effort to make an important difference in the lives of young South Africans.

This effort is making a difference. Stuart Saunders, principal and vice chancellor of the University of Cape Town, recently stated, "Despite the very poor education system, there are enough black universities...we believe that at least as many who come to us can't come to us because they do not have the money. And it is scholarship help which is the limiting factor. That is why the efforts of the New England universities and colleges is so crucial...the students you are supporting simply would not be with us without your support."

The Board of Trustees has pledged to match, two for one, every dollar raised on campus in support of the scholarship fund. Contributions to the Middlebury College South Africa Scholarship Fund should be clearly designated and sent directly to the Treasurer's office.

– John M. McCardell

Dean for Planning

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was endorsed by the planning document.

The goal of a budgeted enrollment figure of 1900 students by the academic year '96-'97 will take longer to fulfill, as will the creation of a new Science Center. The college will "methodically begin to tackle some of the issues" raised in the planning document, according to Powell.

Symposium

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classroom to tell students to act on a particular issue.

Stephen Trombulak, associate professor of biology and environmental studies, argued that knowledge should not be distributed in a void, but rather applied to "real life." He said that part of training a responsible citizenry is to emphasize the importance of social action.

The group also addressed the student attendance at the events. Many students said they felt disconnected from the event as a whole, others said the titles were misleading. Still others complained of the lack of publicity. Trombulak argued that without a big name speaker attendance should not be expected to be very high.

Eric Davis, dean for academic programs and professor of political science, helped coordinate the event. He said that the two main objectives were to "try and get a variety of perspectives on the subject of the European encounter and its implications over the last 500 years" and to bring faculty and students together "talking about a subject of intellectual interest outside the context of a particular course."

While recognizing that perhaps more could have been done to get a greater student turnout, Davis said "I think we succeeded very well."

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Random Notes

By Chris Piehler

My name is Chris and I've grown up cute. I've been called cuddly. There are even those who have gone out on what I consider a limb and referred to me as adorable. I don't mean to gloat though. Not a bit. In fact, I'm kind of stressed out about it.

See, this whole complex surfaced a couple of weeks ago, just after an unsympathetic bouncer had refused me entry to a bar despite my logical claim that all he had to do was numerically round up and, bingo, twenty years and nine months would metamorphose into twenty-one, the magic age of legality.

Rejection would have been okay except for the fact that an eighteen year-old friend, armed with a fake ID, was stranded inside alone. An absurd situation, of course, but now is not the time to discuss the many follies of America's alcohol legislation.

Back to our story. Just after I walked away from the aforementioned bar, downcast and grudgingly accepting of my fate as a life-long iced tea drinker, I happened to pass by a pair of semi-inebriated, bowheaded sorority types.

Now I'm sure they meant no offense. Why would they intentionally inflict nearly mortal psychological torture on an innocent passerby? What, you might ask, sliding to the edge of your seat and holding your breath in anticipation of the outrage, did they do? I'm not sure I can go on.

Okay. I just needed a breath. Now I can finish. One bowhead turned to the other, ducked her head cautiously in my direction, and hollered in what she drunkenly considered a whisper, "Isn't he cute?" And the other heartlessly responded, "Yeah, like a Muppet."

Now I am the first to praise Jim Henson's creative genius. Kermit and Gonzo should be made into constellations as far as I'm concerned. If only I were a senator I could author a bill proposing "Rainbow Connection" as the new national anthem. However, at the danger of waxing overly personal, I feel the need to reveal that even my girlfriend has started calling me Kermit. I am a patient person, but direct physical comparisons to a long-limbed, green hand-puppet seem to me symptomatic of a larger problem.

If you are one those blond, six foot, hundred and sixty-pound Nordic proto-humans, you've probably never been patted on the head because your eyes remind a friend of a long-departed terrier. Nor have matronly strangers call you such atrocious pet names as babycakes or sweetiepie simply because you are the spitting image of their favorite childhood cartoon character. You probably haven't been carded for a PG-13 movie recently.

Upon telling boneheaded distant relatives that you're a senior, you've probably never been asked, "And where do you want to go to college?" Even as a child no one ever crammed you into a sailor suit and pronounced you "precious." You probably never got cast as your best friend's son in six consecutive high school plays.

So the next time you feel tempted to chortle at the antics of a friend that is, shall we say, rather low on the rugged scale, just remember that for every Kermit, there's a Miss Piggy that knows karate and gets pissed off easily.

Serbian student discusses war in homeland

By Andy Gardner

Sladja Kovijanic '93 is from a Serbian town outside Belgrade in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. Life in the past few years has become more complex for Yugoslavians because of growing ethnic conflict and the resulting civil war that has caught the world's attention in recent months and left Kovijanic uncertain about the future of her homeland.

The former Yugoslavia, prior to its disintegration, consisted of six republics populated by three major ethnic groups; the Serbs of Orthodox religion, the Croats of Catholic faith and the Bosnians practicing Islam. The tradition of conflict and hatred between the three sides is centuries old. Kovijanic explained that even though ethnic groups can not be distinguished on the street, hatred arises when identities are revealed.

The republics of Slovenia and Croatia broke away from the former Yugoslavia last year but Slovenia did not experience any ethnic conflict because its population is almost entirely Slovenian.

Croatia, on the other hand, was populated by a majority of Croats but also a minority of Serbs. Conflict arose because Serbs feared the possibility of losing their rights as a religious and ethnic minority.

Most recently, the Republic of Bosnia declared its independence, resulting in fighting between all three ethnic groups. The Serbs want a separate republic for themselves.

A resolution to end the fighting will be very complex because justice for the different groups means different things. The European Community (E.C.) and the United States have imposed economic sanctions on former Yugoslavia which restricts exporting and importing.

Kovijanic returned home to Serbia this past summer and described life as "pretty normal."

Regarding the economic sanctions, Kovijanic explained, "you can't really feel them except for the gas shortage. People are not hungry or anything because the country grows enough food for the people."

"The sanctions are unjust because all three sides are guilty and the sanctions are only punishing the people of Serbia who have nothing to do with the war. They are a move by the European Community to try to show that they are in charge of the situation," she added.

Even though life is fairly normal and Kovijanic felt safe being home, she said that, "it's psychologically stressful. In general, you can't relax and not talk about the war. It's a depressing atmosphere because you never know what can happen. It's a sad situation and it shouldn't be that way in such a nice country."

Because the situation is very complicated, a solution will be difficult to reach. Kovijanic explains, "obviously we want to stop the war, but it is difficult. Each side has different views for a solution."

"For example, the Serbs want their own territory in Serbia which would require taking territory from Bosnia. I

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Campus laundry facilities revamped

By Ed Soh

Laundry is such a chore. At various intervals throughout the year, usually when underwear or T-shirts come to a point of dingy unwearability, laundry turns into a do or die situation.

In the past, doing laundry involved peeling your clothes off the floor, lugging them over to Forest to the ancient, pea-green laundry machines, purchasing laundry tickets at Security, adding the laundry and detergent, and then waiting for an unspecified time until it was done.

Then, the now-wet laundry had to be transferred to the dryer, where one had to suffer for another unspecified period of time, after which the laundry could be taken out, folded and lugged back to the room, marking the end of the experience.

Now, all that has changed, almost. In place of those aging beasts, we now have brand-spanking new, clean laundry machines. Those infernal tickets of the past that never seemed to work correctly are history; these new machines accept actual money.

The cost of these improvements has raised the price of a wash and dry to a dollar fifty, instead of just a dollar. The new machines are also "space-age" works of art, with green and red LED readouts asking you what cycle you want, as well as counting down exactly

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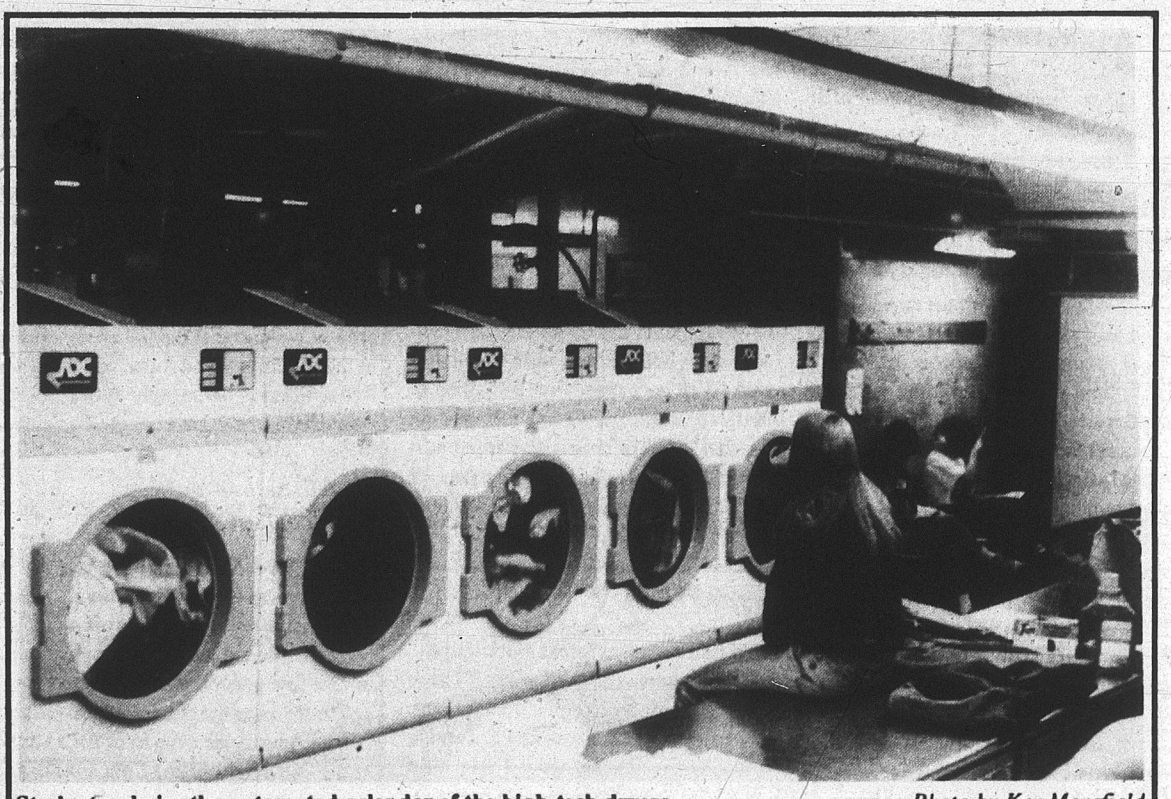

Students admire the automated splendor of the high-tech dryers. *Photo by Ken Mansfield*

Bicyclist touring country promotes volunteerism

By Lisa Gonzales

Many people will go to great lengths to prove a point. Marathon runners, students who wear a certain something to make themselves pro-this or pro-that, or even streakers who run naked from Gifford to the Service building in the middle of January are all making some kind of statement about who they are. There are very few people who would cycle 6500 miles to do the same.

Bicycling his way to California and back, O'Brien has earned the fitting title of "Outreach Peddler."

Dave O'Brien, from Buffalo, New York, a recent graduate from Dartmouth College, visited Middlebury last week as his first stop on a year-long tour of colleges and universities. Bicycling his way to California and back to promote community service among students, O'Brien has earned the fitting title of "Outreach Peddler." He says, "I'm riding 6500 miles to prove a point." O'Brien wants people to hear about what he is doing and realize "hey, this must be important."

O'Brien is working with the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (C.O.O.L.), a non-profit, grassroots organization that organizes on the local level. The organization wants to get the state to work with schools promoting students teaching students.

Middlebury was on O'Brien's list of schools that possesses an exemplary community service program. Middlebury's program includes the first-year student pre-orientation volunteer program, an excellent way of getting students involved from the very beginning of their stay at Middlebury.

O'Brien spent two days on campus, September 10 and 11, offering informal consultation, providing feedback for the volunteer program and facilitating meetings with involved students to generate ideas. He is also compiling information for a book being written in conjunction with C.O.O.L. This book will address the question of "how to set up the ultimate community service program for a college campus." The volunteer orientation at Middlebury will be one of the success stories in the book.

After Middlebury, O'Brien will continue on his trip to over 600 colleges and universities across the country.

O'Brien stated that his main goal for the tour was wanting to "break the theory that students are apathetic." He sees the problem of a lack of participation in community service programs among college students as a failure of the institutions on a whole to provide support for students' ideas.

O'Brien feels that students want to get involved but are not sure how or do not receive any backing.

He mentioned a recent decision by Dartmouth to support two programs; Housing and Homelessness and Weather and Insulation. By the end of last year more than 250 students had become involved.

Middlebury's recruitment plan has been successful as well. 19 of the 21 first year students who participated in the orientation program last year are still actively involved with volunteer services this year. O'Brien, quoting from "Field of Dreams," said, "if you build it they will come."

O'Brien does see hope through volunteer efforts.

We need to build "positive communities," he said. By focusing our efforts on children we have the best chance of improving situations in impoverished communities, he argued. The answer is to find ways to empower people. O'Brien emphasized that "service can't be charity. It's demeaning to the people."

Empowering people consists of listening and accepting what other people say as legitimate and appropriate responses. A solution that should work on the drawing board may actually be harmful to the people who must live with the effects of that "solution," he said.

O'Brien gave the World Bank as a classic example of not listening. Instead of providing a clean water system for small communities, they built a hydroelectric dam to produce electricity, benefiting a tiny percentage of the population.

To implement these kinds of programs, O'Brien said that we need to improve training for students to become leaders. Presently community service is not as accepted and supported as the arts, sports or newspaper groups on campuses. O'Brien feels that, although community service is a fairly new trend at schools, it is equally important, if not more so, as other aspects of our lives.

"It comes directly from students challenging themselves," he said.

Without the help of government funding, most programs are very difficult to implement and sustain. O'Brien and many others feel that funding for domestic problems in the United States is much lower than it should be. He also feels that the government needs to make more money available through the National Community Service Act because "people have fantastic ideas and want to implement them."

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Middlebury Politics: Pro-Clinton

By Dana Lansky

Middlebury students overwhelmingly favored Bill Clinton over George Bush in a poll conducted Sunday, September 14 at a Proctor Hall brunch. Of 100 students surveyed, 80 said they would vote for Clinton if they had to vote that day and 20 said they would vote for Bush. Because it was a voluntary poll, many students who were undecided (or who didn't want to get out of line for brunch) chose not to participate. The few undecided students and Perot supporters who did fill out the poll were not included in the results.

The results for men and women were very similar. Of the 61 men who participated, 79 percent favored Clinton and 21 percent favored Bush. For the 39 women, 82 percent favored Clinton and 18 percent favored Bush.

Students were also asked what issue they thought was most important in this election. Overall, 32 percent chose the economy, 25 percent chose the environment, 14 percent chose education and another 14 percent chose abortion. Among Clinton supporters, the most important issue was the environment, selected by 29 percent, with the economy a close second with 28 percent.

Abortion was the third most frequent answer chosen by 16 percent of Clinton supporters, and education was chosen by 15 percent. Among Bush supporters, the economy was the number one issue for 50 percent. Education, environment, foreign policy and the president's character were all chosen by 10 percent of Bush supporters to be the most important issues.

Men and women differed considerably on the issues that they were most concerned about. The two most important issues for women were abortion and the economy, each receiving 23 percent of the vote. This was followed by education, chosen by 20 percent, and the environment, chosen by 18 percent of all women.

Men, however, most often chose the economy as the most critical issue; 38 percent of those polled Sunday did so. The second issue most often chosen by men was the environment, picked by 29 percent. Only 10 percent of the men chose education as the most important issue, while 8 percent chose abortion.

Although presidential politics often seems to be in a world far removed from Middlebury College, many students were concerned, excited and worried about the coming elections.

Some students felt that the election was a question of which choice was the lesser of two evils. Andrew McQuide '95 will vote for Bush because, "although [he's] not my favorite, Bush has the most experience in politics to run the country."

McQuide was especially concerned with what he perceives to be Clinton's lack of experience. "Arkansas? How large is the biggest city in Arkansas? Although pro-choice, what experience does he have?"

Robert Vanderbes '95 had similar sentiments.

"I don't like Bush, but I like Clinton less," said Vanderbes.

David Schneider '95, who will vote for Clinton, said, "as I see it, the choice is between a potential hypocrite and a flagrant hypocrite. I'll take my chances. I am also against just about everything the Republican Platform is for."

Others felt very strongly about the candidates they support. Ed Fogarty '95 said the reason he won't vote for Bush is that, "he is the gutless puppet of the reactionary wing of the Republican party." He thinks that Clinton is, "the smartest, most adept presidential candidate since J.F.K."

"I believe Clinton's appointments, especially in the key Cabinet positions such as Foreign Affairs and others will far surpass Bush's choices. Although I dislike Clinton , I like Gore and the other would-be Cabinet members. I believe Clinton will moderate a Supreme Court that has gotten unquestionably too conservative," said Danielle Berry '95, who is also a Clinton supporter.

One student commented on the Republican Convention. Tim Rummel '95 said, "the Republican Convention was frightening. They have alienated a good number of reasonable, thoughtful Americans from their own party."

Dan Haley '95 is a strong supporter of Bush. He said he would vote for Bush because, "he's an experienced leader who undoubtedly deserves another term. Aside from that, I agree with absolutely nothing that Clinton says." He also wouldn't vote for the Democratic ticket because he classifies Al Gore as a "tax and spend liberal."

Some students expressed disappointment that Perot is out of the race. Jack Jessup '94 recognized Perot's importance.

"Perot has really helped in getting the candidates to take important stands on economic and political issues. He's gotten the common man interested again," said Jessup.

There are Middlebury students who have concerns about the election process as a whole. Jeff Albertson '95 said, "I'm concerned that it will be as divisive and negative as '88." Hanna Holden '95 was concerned about students' involvement in the elections. "I am concerned that, yet again, college students won't register and vote."

The Paris Diaries: Part I

By Chris Piehler

Thursday, December 26 11:58 PM

Made a tiny dent into the intimidating To Do list. Called Paris and made an actual French hotel reservation. The people were nice enough except for the fact that they kept using various tactics to entice me into speaking English with them. "*Non*," I said with a conviction that surprised me if no one else, "*je dois parler français*." At this show of linguistic urgency, I think the speed-talking octogenarian on the other end of the line realized that I would never quit butchering his native language and that if he wanted my 350 francs he would just have to shut up and suffer for a few more minutes. He swallowed his Gallic pride and very patiently explained that *non*, I didn't need to give him my credit card number. Everything would be settled later, once I had spent my one luxurious night in the Hôtel Verlaine. Flushed with victory, I then went and got the massive pile of traveler's checks that would be my money for the next five months. The woman gave me the usual lecture. "Make sure you write down all the numbers. Take one copy with you and leave one copy at home with your parents. Whenever you spend one, make sure you record its number, where you spent it, and the date. Send a copy of all this to your parents and maybe another trusted friend or relative, along with a decent physical description or pen and ink sketch of the person at the store..." Yeah right. I smiled politely and caressed the slick crested *cheques*, wondering why the heck they used that pretentious French spelling for something so American as money that could be spent by both a thief and an innocent consumer.

Monday, December 30 1:33 PM

Called the airline today to confirm my reservation on the flight. Felt at a distinct advantage over the airline guy, who was obviously a Frenchman struggling to speak English with a Midwestern American accent. Hah! Packing is going well although I wish I had an actual black turtleneck to take with me, or at least a cigarette holder. Today may as well have been national Xerox day. I scurried around town making copies of my passport, my letter (telling the world that I'm a student and not a rare breed of overprivileged, overpacked American terrorist), my visa, and any other of those thirteen trillion slips of bureaucratic baggage that the French government seems to require for entry into their paperlogged nation. Also wrote brief notes to everyone I could think of, thanking them profusely for Christmas presents and reminding them in HUGE WRITING that I would be ALL ALONE in a FOREIGN COUNTRY and that mail of ANY SORT would be greatly welcome at the following address. Looked up *Rue de la butte aux cailles* in the dictionary and found out that I will be living on, approximately, Quail Hill Road. Sounds dauntingly suburban, don't you think? Oh well. Mom said it's supposed to be right near the Parisian Chinatown.

Wednesday, January 1, 1992 6:02 AM Paris time

New Year's Eve on the plane wasn't quite the festival I had expected. Not a drop of free champagne flowed my way. The only indications that we were experiencing a holiday situation were two bilingual announcements. The first came just as we were taking off and told us that it was 1992 in Paris. All the French people on board looked up briefly from their reading and gave a tiny grunt. There were a few golf claps. The second announcement came just a couple of minutes ago, informing the exhausted passengers that it was New Year's Day in the U.S.A. All the Americans rose from their slumbers or took a break from their demolition of the extremely filling light snacks and gave a rousing two-minute cheer. For a minute I thought that one burly fellow was going to start the Wave, but the peaking excitement of the moment caused him to fall back into his seat and continue snoring. The man next to me smells like a horse that's been sweating alone in a pasture for months on end. I guess it's not too bad that we'll be landing momentarily, although who knows if I can remember any French. Let's see. *Bonjour. Je m' appelle Chris.* No, I don't want to get them calling me Crease. Let's use *Christophe*. More French. Yeah. Oh, geez. Air pockets. One way or the other, we'll be on the ground soon.

Volunteerism

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O'Brien urges people to take advantage of this opportunity to help support more funding for this act by writing Rep. Bill Traxler, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. He also urges students to take action now, as the decision will come up in Congress shortly.

At this point in his life, O'Brien is very devoted to his cause. However, he did not hesitate to reveal that he never became an Eagle Scout due to his refusal to do the community service part of the requirements.

He made a point of saying that it's never too late to start. "We need to develop a passion for it, which is not hard to do, and work it into our lives." O'Brien feels that in this way, we will strengthen the spiritual side of our characters.

If we never commit to making changes in our society, we are helpless. If we get involved now, "solutions will come."

Laundry

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how much time is left in your cycle.

According to Frank Kelley, "Those old machines were older than myself. These new machines are so PC, I mean, energy conservation wise." He went on to say that there are also new machines in Barnes and Stewart, which promises to make Sunday afternoons in Forest less crowded.

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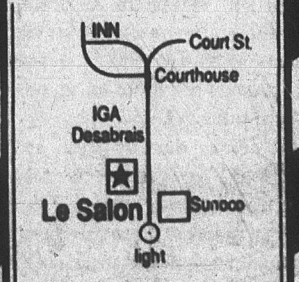

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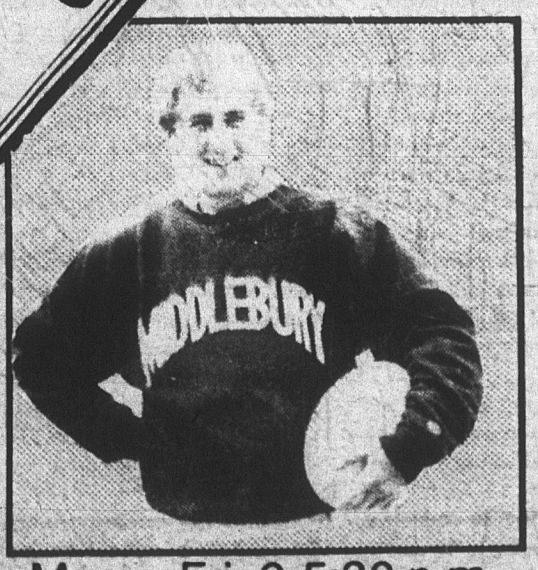

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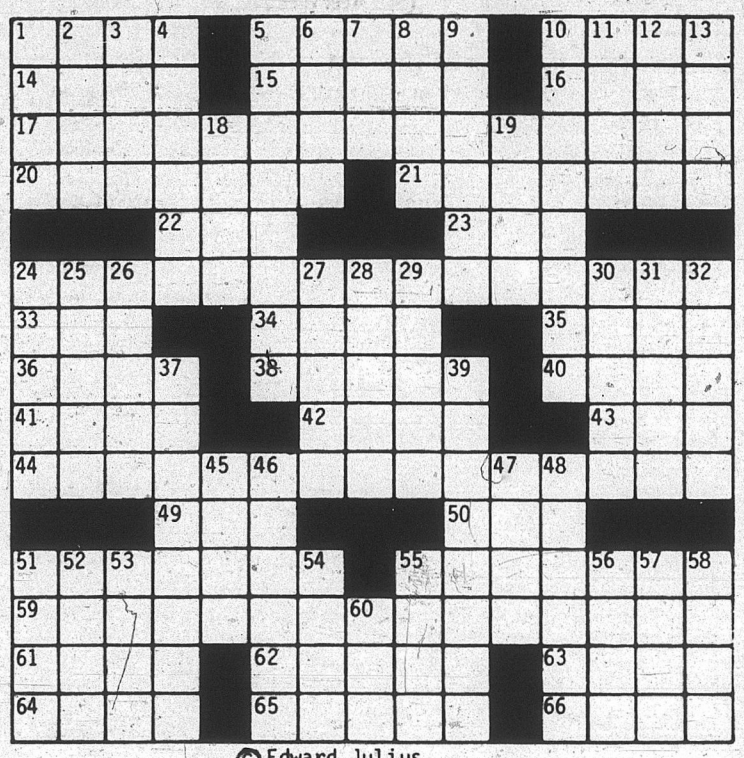

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47 Assam silkworm
48 Invalidates
51 The Odyssey, for one
52 Ceremonial garment
53 Put —— on (cover up)
54 Dermatological mark
55 "I cannot tell ——"
56 Suffix for poet
57 Legendary Roman king
58 Catch sight of
60 Suffix for block

Serbian war

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would definitely like a peaceful solution and I wish the war would be over," she continued

While some contemplate military intervention by the United States and the European Community, Kovijanic warns against such action.

"There has been enough killing in Yugoslavia already and I am afraid of additional U.S. aggression. There are so many sides that it could expand into a more large scale conflict," said Kovijanic.

She continued, "The U.S. and E.C. should get together with the people of the former Yugoslavia to find a peaceful solution without the use of force. It's frustrating that the E.C., other peace-keepers and the Yugoslavian people can't help the situation."

Being in the U.S. and seeing the American press coverage of the conflict has been upsetting. The media has not always fairly covered the actions of both sides of the conflict, Kovijanic expressed.

She feels that America needs a clear picture of what's going on in Yugoslavia and an understanding of the views of all sides rather than propaganda.

She explained, for example, that the city of Dubrovnik has not been destroyed, despite reports in U.S. newspapers.

Studying at Middlebury in the middle of Vermont and being physically separated from the situation in her country, Kovijanic explained, "is pretty hard."

"I don't know what can happen over there and I want to help. It is nice to get my mind off the war a bit, and do other things that I wouldn't do at home. I hope it can end the best way. Yugoslavia is a country of great potential with hard-working people" she added.

Burning Questions

From the files of Ivan Huber

Illustration by Amanda Frankel

Q. Ivan, my knowledge of weapons of mass destruction is just a few sandwiches short of a picnic. Liza Booth confounded me the other day when she told me I had breath like a 'Davey Crockett'. Just what in the Sam Hill is a 'Davey Crockett'?

–Bob "Steak-um" Reis

A. An intriguing question, Bob, and one which deserves to be addressed.

The 'Davey Crockett' is a U.S. Army tactical atomic weapon capable of being fired from two different caliber recoiless rifles in support of front-line combat troops. The weapon fires a sub-kiloton warhead and can even be mounted on a one-quarter ton truck or disassembled and carried by grunt infantry (the backbone of the U.S. Army) for added convenience in vaporizing one's foes.

And it makes a great Christmas, Hanukkah, or Ramadan gift.

–From "Code Names Dictionary."

Q. What's the difference between a hobo and a bum?

–John Mike Taylor

A. A hobo works for short periods to sustain him or herself and moves on, while a bum panhandles and stays in one locality.

Q. What was the immediate cause of the financial crisis of 1837?

–E.J. Meegan, M.B., O.B.E., Q.C., B.M.O.C.

A. President Jackson, having vetoed the act of Congress renewing the United States Bank, directed the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit no more federal revenues in the Bank and to withdraw the government's cash from its vaults to pay its bills. The national funds were distributed among state banks.

—From "10,000 Answers to Questions."

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14 Sept 1437	Transylvania united
1927	Isadora Duncan, dancer, dies in a car accident
15 Sept 1793	All colleges and universities in France abolished
16 Sept 1967	Mt. Washington's cog railway derailed
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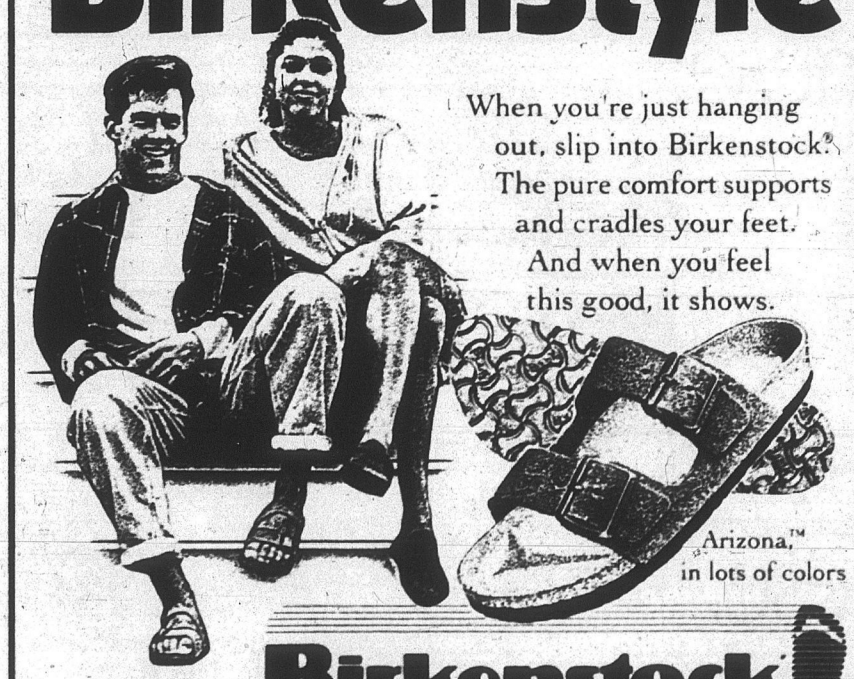

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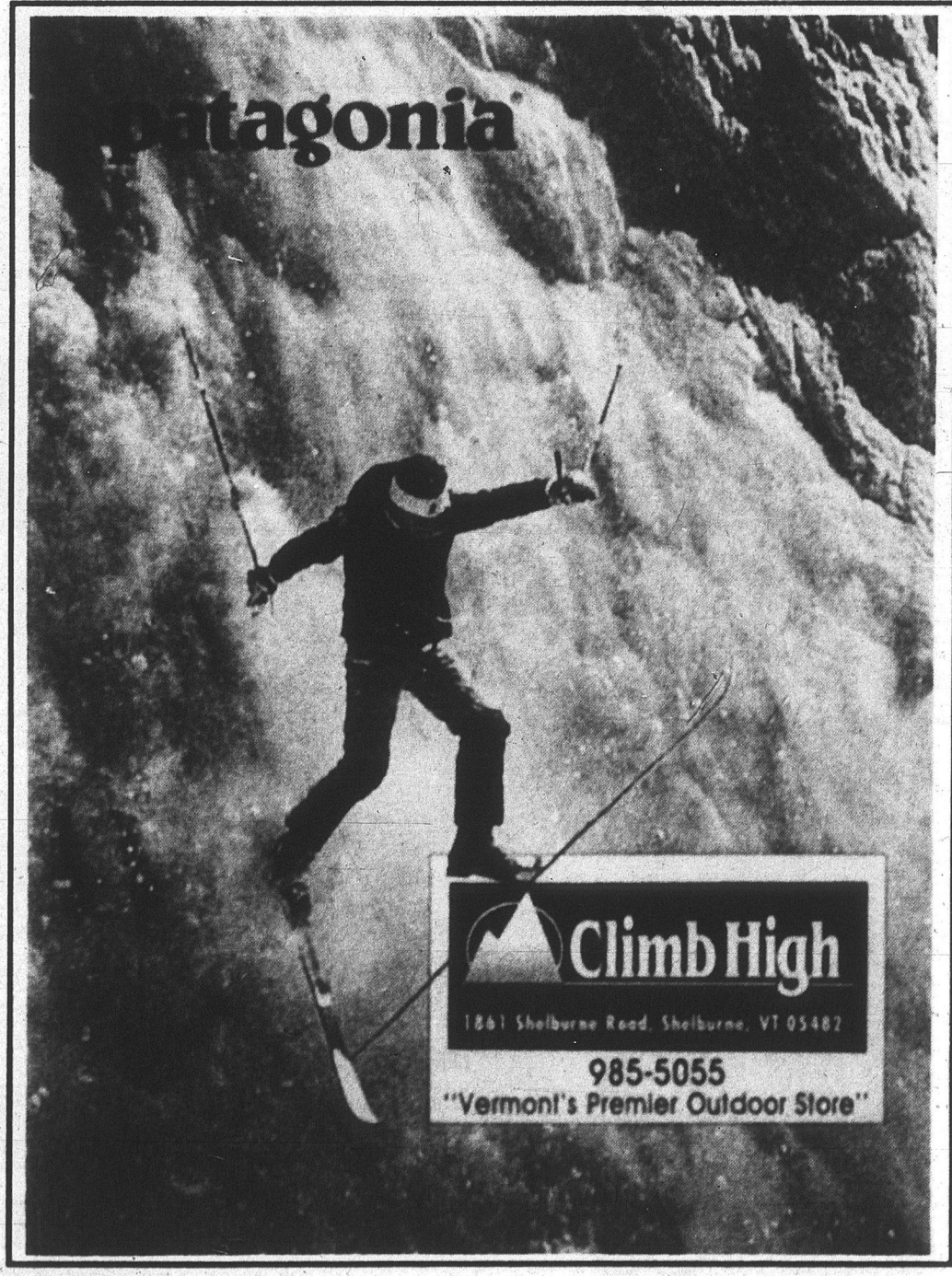

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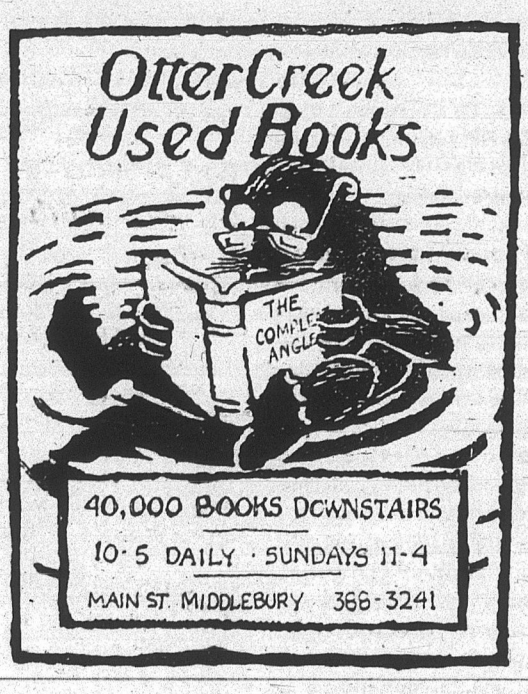

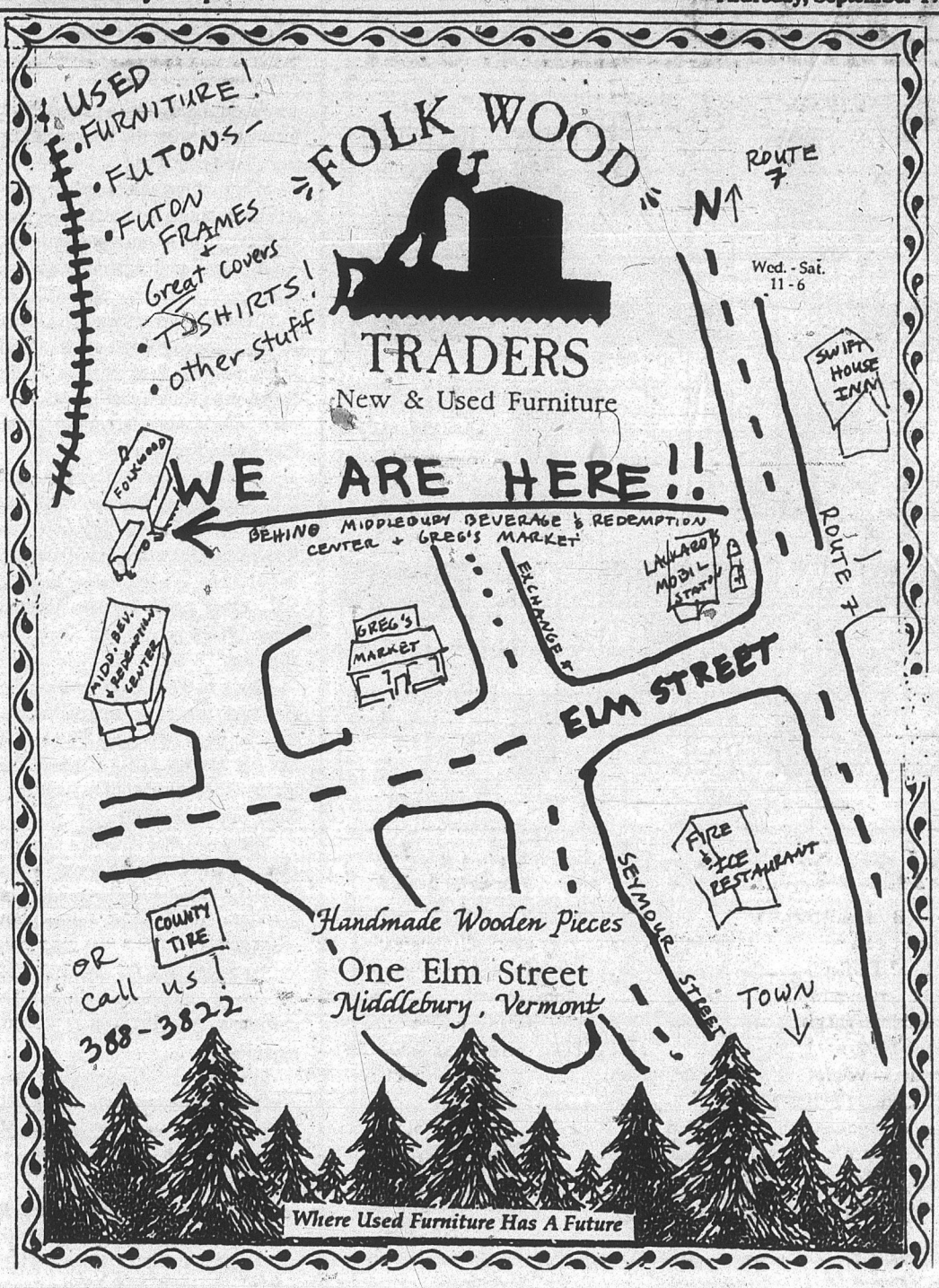

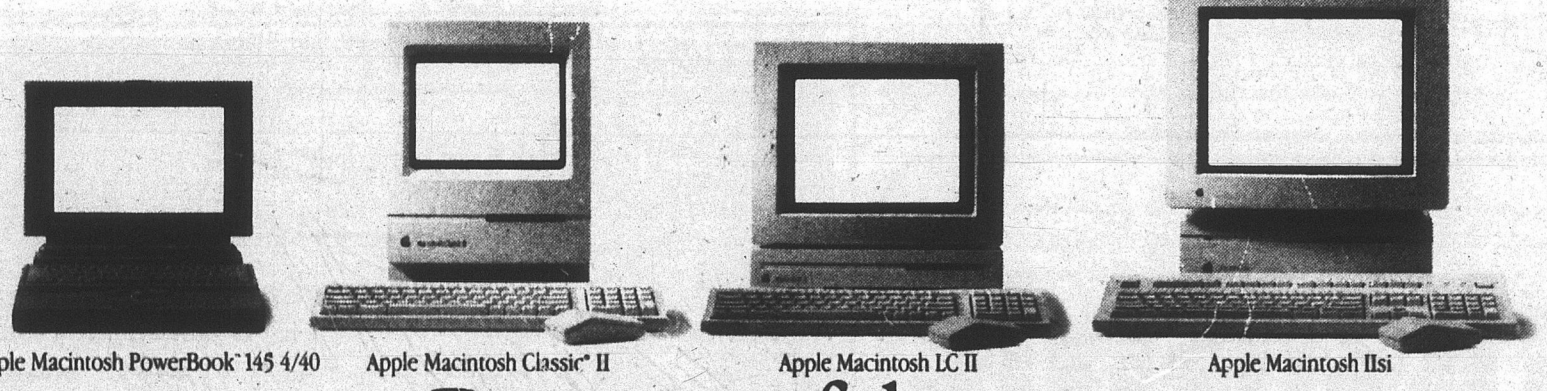

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Glen Velez, center, brought the music of the Americas to the new Arts Center. *Photo by Roberta Stewart*

Velez ensemble holds audience rapt

By Lisa Horwitz

If God had a voice, what would it sound like? Difficult to say, but the ethereal overtones of Glen Velez and his ensemble might give you a clue. As part of the 1492-1992 symposium and the premiere event of the Middlebury College Concert Series 1992/93 season, the new age ensemble performed Music of the Americas 1492-1992 on Saturday, September 12 in the Concert Hall of the college's new Center for the Arts.

The ensemble, featuring percussionists Velez and Randali Crafton and harmonica player Howard Levy, held their audience spellbound with their eclectic array of instruments and overtone singing. The instruments ranged from South American buzz sticks (which were used to chase away the evil spirits which still might have been lingering in the new hall) to the Egyptian frame drum solos featured the buzzing sounds of snare drums, the hollow echoing of bongo drums, and even the electrical hissing of Star Wars light sabers which he produced by wetting his fingers and rubbing them across the head of the drum.

Not only were the instruments themselves exotically interesting, but the variety of sound the musicians produced from a simple frame drum, recorder, or harmonica was unbelievable. Levy performed solos during which two or three distinct melody lines could be heard at the same time.

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The overtone singing, which Velez said he learned in a place called Tuda, had an unearthly quality which mesmerized the audience. Thanks to the wonderful acoustics of the new hall, the droning *oreeeeeeeer* and wind-like whistle which mysteriously came out of Velez's body at the same time, hung sound. Although used throughout the concert, this effect was most poignant during "Border States," a world premiere piece which included Spanish flamenco influences, according to Velez.

The opening piece, "Ramana," had a very earthy, tropical rainforest-type sound, which featured buzz sticks, maracas, and mbiras. These African instruments have a wooden resonator and tuned metal or wooden strips which vibrate when plucked with the thumbs,combining Spanish and American influences, said Velez.

Next, Velez performed a North African frame drum solo called "Bendir" which demonstrated his incredible technical skill.

The third piece was inspired by a science fiction book called *Blue Castle* and featured Velez's overtone singing. Levy's mouth instrument solo followed

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Bay of Arrows explores conflicts about Columbus

By Crista Hawryluk

Jay Parini read from and discussed his most recent novel, *Bay of Arrows*, on Friday, September 11 in the Arts Center Concert Hall.

Parini believes that all time is simultaneous. All events are occurring and recurring constantly, and narrative is "a way of threading the needle of time." To consider the history of Columbus' encounter with the "new world" and the ways in which his experiences have been interpreted is to shed new light on this past week's 1492-1992 symposium.

Bay of Arrows takes the story of Columbus' "discovery" of America and transposes it into present day. His main character, one Chris "Geno" Genovese, embodies many of the less desirable qualities Columbus is believed to have possessed: he is arrogant, self-absorbed, and obsessed with a project to such a degree that he begins to alienate his family.

The novel is set in a double-framed narrative of patriarchy and male imperialism that jumps back and forth between Geno's experiences first at a small, liberal arts college in Vermont and later in the Dominican Republic, and Columbus' experiences surrounding his arrival in the Americas.

The latter chapters, as Parini explains, are described through dreams, poetry, and the visions of the main character. The project that Geno is working on as the novel opens is an epic poem about Columbus' voyage.

What Parini explores is the relationship between history and the novel, looking for a medium that will balance on the thin and precarious line between truth and fiction. What he proves, in an engaging and stimulating manner, is that this balancing act is no small feat. For the story of Geno and his relationship with the explorer Columbus relates to each of us. It relates to the entire history of the United States (as well as other world powers) with its tradition of imperialism and oppression.

It is easy to look back and condemn Christopher Columbus for his actions, and to condemn subsequent generations for lauding these exploits. It is also easy, Parini reminds us, to ignore the similar situations that are occurring at the present time, both on a global scale and in our personal lives.

By using an animated, almost magical-realist style, Parini keeps the novel from being too heavy handed or self-righteous.

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His reading in the Arts Center was delightful, as the audience was able to see him bring the characters to life outside the page, and as he offered insight into exactly why and how this novel came into being and why this style of historical novel was employed. Parini explained that the historical novel offers flexibility and historical accuracy simultaneously, that it is an entrance to the emotion behind the history.

Parini also commented on the fact that he has always been intrigued by "the notion of a thinly veiled autobiography"; thus we find so many strangely familiar details scattered throughout

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Students experiment with theater's traditons

By Amy Marmer

The theater is many things for many people. There are those who are direct participants: the actors, the directors, the designers. And there are those of us that make up the audience, who look to the theater for entertainment, for answers, and for experiences that we will never have, but perhaps wish to.

As theater-goers—the indirect participants—we cannot help but have certain expectations. Upon entering the theater, we expect that for a couple of hours our minds (and ideally our souls) will be engaged as a story unfolds before us on the other side of the stage. We expect stage lights, scenes, acts, costumes, applause—the physical elements of traditional theater.

But what happens when one plays with the conventional? What occurs when the imaginary perimeters of theater are stretched, altered, or crossed entirely? Anything might happen, but be assured that, indeed, something does.

In come Carl Forsman '93 and Andy Dickey '93, founders of Immediate Theater Experiment (ITE) and a couple of established, talented "direct participants" here at Middlebury College. Dickey and Forsman set out to explore the possibilities for theater at Middlebury and to see what could be achieved by making theater more accessible and less conventional. ITE was their brainchild.

Founded last year, ITE is a company of Middlebury actors who deliver ten minutes of quality theater every Sunday afternoon in the Hepburn Zoo—plays which are meant to be performed in that time span. The cast varies from play to play, as not all seventeen members of the company can appear each week.

The direction is shared between four directors (Forsman, Dickey, Matt Yeoman '93, and Lelia Arnheim '95) who will each direct two plays this season.

According to Forsman and Dickey, ITE is "theater without the flab." It is a concentrated theater experience that begs us, as theater-goers, to leave our conventional expectations at the door.

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This "ten minute theater" (called "lunch time theater" in London) became popular in New York and London during the eighties. Directors and producers sought to find a use for theaters during the downtime, to escape the high-risk, high-budget realities of theater, to discover writing talent at a low risk, and to step beyond the traditional.

Forsman and Dickey were faced with a dilemma last year: how might this idea be received here on the Middlebury campus? Was there a place for this kind of work, and would people be willing to come and take it seriously?

So Forsman and Dickey conducted an experiment. They formed a theater company of thirteen actors that would train together throughout the semester to bring together a show every Sunday. They offered subscriptions to encourage a returning audience. And in the test tube labeled ITE they observed an exciting reaction. The theater was of high quality and intensity, and the reception on campus was overwhelming.

According to Forsman and Dickey, the energy and vitality of ITE comes in part from its "immediacy." The works performed are short in length, but they are highly concentrated pieces and thus extremely potent.

The result is a highly charged experience, as much for the actor as for the audience. It is a challenge to the company whose rehearsal time is necessarily minimal, and a challenge to the audience to absorb the experience of ITE in a concentrated amount of time and then think about it later. The frequency and number of performances allow for variety in style, theme, and

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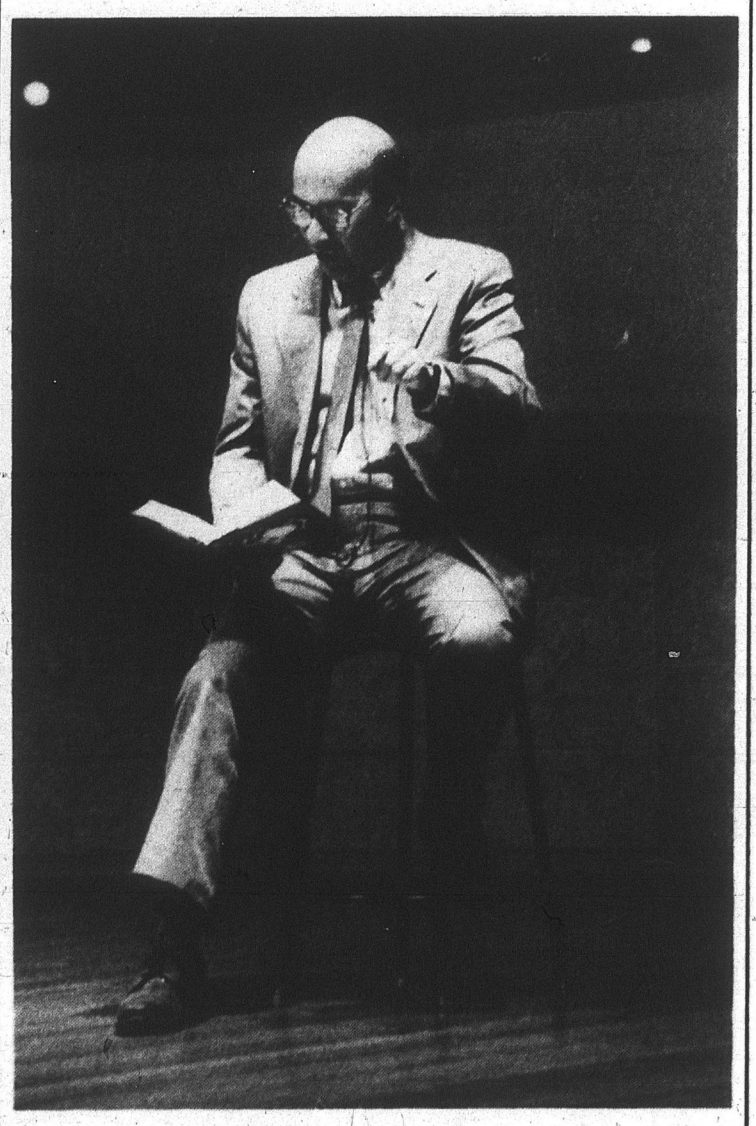
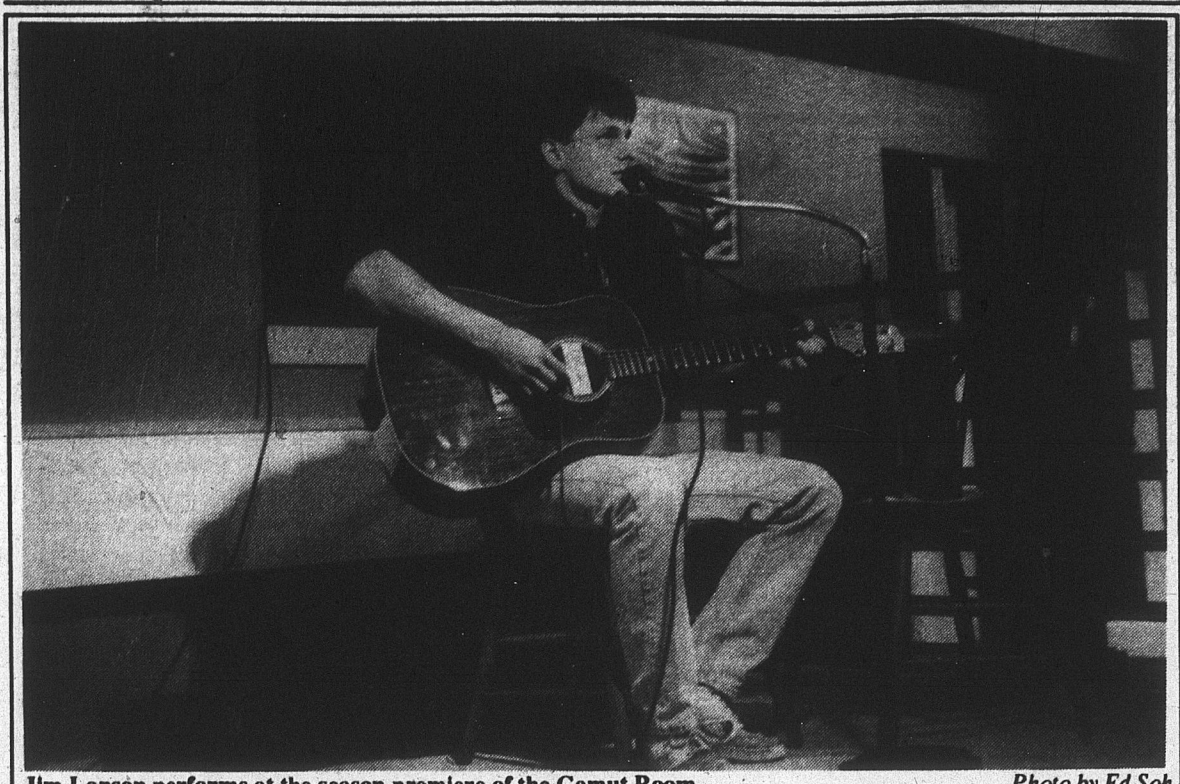


Professor and author Jay Parini reads from *Bay of Arrows*. *Photo by Adonia Henry*



Jim Lanson performs at the season premiere of the Gamut Room. *Photo by Ed Soh*

The Gamut Room held its grand opening on Sunday night with an evening of acoustic music by senior Jim Lanson. The Gamut room will be open Sunday through Thursday nights from 10pm to 1am, and Wednesday nights will feature live music performances. Upcoming events include Slaid Cleaves on September 16, Brisson and Cooper on September 23, and Dar Williams on September 30. Coffee, tea, espresso and cappucino, as well as baked goods and other enticements will be on sale, with free refills for coffee and tea. Anyone interested in performing—music or otherwise—at the Gamut Room should contact Leilani McClellan at extension 6164.

All-star computer hackers save world in *Sneakers*

By Lauren Baker

The previews for *Sneakers*, a new film from the director of *Field of Dreams*, had me worried. What better recipe for cinematic calamity, I thought, than the combination of *War Games*, *The Big Chill*, and *Spies Like Us*?

But despite its unappealing promos, *Sneakers* is a pleasant surprise. Even at some of its most predictable moments, the all-star cast, including Robert Redford, Mary McDonald, Sidney Poitier, and Dan Aykroyd, works well together, overcoming cliché. And what especially makes *Sneakers* unique is its heart: in the midst of the film's espionage, theft, and slick computer tricks, the liberal-minded characters maintain a sense of themselves and their purposes.

The action takes place in the present, but even in the '90s these characters retain some of their '60s idealism. Fortunately, though, they aren't complete throwbacks; they have clearly been afflicted with a little '80s materialism and '90s cynicism. Still, they care about what happens to their world, and it's been quite some time since this sense of caring has emerged in a typical Hollywood mystery-adventure film.

Robert Redford heads up the cast as a computer whiz with a history of unlawfully accessing highly classified information in order to serve his own purposes, noble and democratic as they are. At the start of the movie, he works in a security testing business with his hacking buddies and partners. Their company tests computerized alarm systems and insures that they're foolproof.

The topic of computer security is a relevant one, especially in today's computer age where information has become a precious commodity that must be kept under lock and key from the competition.

One real-life security system *Sneakers* features is a computerized voice verifier. An employee's true identity can be verified based on the sound of his or her voice. If their actual voice does not match the recording of the voice the computer has stored in its memory, the employee is denied access to the building. Too bad Proctor hasn't upgraded to this system yet.

The plot is a bit confusing at times, but this is purposeful, since the characters themselves do not realize what forces they are up against. Dan Aykroyd does a terriffic job as an anti-establishment computer nerd. His accurate portayal recalled one of the two geeks in Sixteen Candles (the ones who wore headsets and underwear on their heads). His character's theory that our nation's entire history is a complete fabrication would be great material for a Saturday Night Live skit.

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The place where *Sneakers* falters is in its portrayal of the bad guy. After all, a thriller is only as exciting as its villian. In this case, he is an ex-college buddy of Redford who has gone over the edge, believing he can control the world with a code-breaking computer. This unmemorable actor could not seem to decide between a British or South Boston accent, and with his silk suits, slicked-back gray hair and preponderance of eyeliner, he looked like a whacked-out version of Ricardo Montalban. His cartoon-like portrayal took away from the film's otherwise low-key attitude.

Despite this flaw, though, *Sneakers*

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VT. HAPPENINGS

•Local Legends Coffee House and Kitchen Cabaret presents singer **Judy Albright** on **Thursday, September 17** at 7:30. Admission is $3.50; call 434-3148 for more information.

•The UVM Department of Theater will hold auditions for ***Our Town*** on **Thursday & Friday, September 17 & 18** from 4-6pm at the Royal Tyler Theatre. For information and requirements, call 656-0085.

•Dartmouth College presents the seventh annual **"Telluride at Dartmouth" film festival**, featuring six films selected from the pretigious Telluride Film Festival. **Friday, September 18:** ***The Long Day Closes*** at 7 and 9pm; **Saturday, September 19:** ***Tous les Matins du Monde*** at 7 and 9:15pm; **Monday, September 21:** ***The Chosen One*** at 7 and 9:15pm; **Tuesday, September 22:** ***From Hollywood to Hanoi*** at 7 and 9pm; **Wednesday, September 23:** ***Bad Lieutenant*** at 7 and 9pm; **Thursday, September 24:** ***Strictly Ballroom*** at 7 and 9pm. All film are in the Spaulding Auditorium and admission is $6. This forum provides a great opportunity to see the freshest, most original contemporary film today. Worth the trek to New Hampshire! Call (603) 646-2422 for more information.

•The Movement Center in Essex Junction will hold **Afro-Carribean dance class** with Richard Gonzalez beginning **Saturday, September 19** from 2-4pm (admission $12). Dunahm Technique class will be offered on the 19th from 4-5pm (admission $10). Call Compaña Productions at 985-1014 for more information.

•Are you an aspiring poet? Contribute your work to the **North American Open Poetry Contest**. The deadline is **September 30**, 1992. Send one original poem of 20 lines or less to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-ZK, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

•Beginning **September 30** and continuing on **October 1-3, 8 &9**, the UVM Departement of Theater presents ***Eastern Standard***, a modern Broadway comedy by playwright Richard Greenberg. The show begins at 8pm and tickets are $8, $6 for seniors and students and available at the UVM box office 656-2094.

Velez ensemble

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which brought images from "The Mission" to mind during the wooden recorder section.

The ensemble closed the first set with "Sweet Season," during which Crafton played a drum-like instrument filled with sand or beads which produced a wave-crashing sound effect.

Velez opened the second set with another drum solo called "Bodhran." "Border States" and the Egyptian riq tambourine solo followed. The group closed with "Seven Heaven", a piece dedicated to taking the odd out of odd numbers by basing the musical structure around the number seven.

Overall, the concert was an out-of-body experience. The only major problem was the seating arrangement. Due to the small size of the hall, the concert was sold out in advance and many music fans, mostly students, were turned away. However, the hall was only three-fourths full by the time the concert started, demonstrating that they could in fact have been seated.

Week at a Glance

•**On Thursday, September 17** at 4:30pm, Chris Hansen's student 500 video screening ***Tree Stand*** will be shown in Dana Auditorium.

•Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart star in the classic film ***The African Queen***, which will be shown in Dana Auditorium on **Friday, September 18**. Admission is $1.00 and the film will be shown at 7pm and 9:30pm.

•MCAB sponsors the band **LIVE** at 10pm, **Friday, September 18** in McCullough. Opening for LIVE will be Ed and the Boats. Admission is $6.00 with ID and $8.00 without and tickets will be sold at dinner and on the night of the performance.

•**On Saturday, September 19** at 4:00pm and 7:30pm, the College Street Film/Video Series present ***Daughters of the Dust***. Directed by Julia Dash, this movie tells the fantastic story of a family's struggle with the decision over leaving their Sea Island, Georgia home after generations. The film is co-sponsored by the African-American Alliance and will be held in Twilight Auditorium.

•**An Inaugural Carillion Concert**will be performed by Geogre Mathhew Jr., on **Saturday, September 19** at 5pm at Mead Chapel.

•The Newman Club presents the Disney version of Rudyard Kipling's ***The Jungle Book*** at 7pm and 9:30pm on **Saturday, September 20** in Dana Auditorium. Admission is $1.00 or canned food for the Addison County Food Shelf.

•At 7:30pm on **Monday, September 21**, Theatre 130Z presents three films: ***Rhythmus 21*** (1921, Richter), ***Ballet Mechanique***(1924, Leger), and ***Notorious*** (1946, Hitchcock). The films will be shown in Twilight Auditorium.

•**On Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25, Blondell Cummings**, a dance performance, will be held in the Arts Center Dance Studio. Tickets are $8.00 ($3.00 for students) and the performance will be held at 8pm.

•**Abdullah Ibrahim**, jazz pianist, will be performing in Mead Chapel at 8pm on **Saturday, September 26**. Tickets are $10.00 ($4.00 for students).

•The Vermont tour of the 1993 EarthPeace film festival begins **Saturday, September 26** at 4 and 7:30pm in Twilight Auditorium. The Oscar-winning short film ***Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment***. Other short films included in the tour are ***My Dinner with Abbie***, the last extended interview with Abbie Hoffman; ***Chemical Valley***; ***STOP the War***; and ***I Ask Myself***.

Straight from MTV, Live hits Vermont

By Hillary Brown

Middlebury's usually not known for its cutting-edge choice of bands--after all, didn't we have the Village People last year? But this weekend MCAB will greet the '90s, when the new band Live will perform.

Live was last seen on the MTV 120 Minutes tour, wich paired them with Big Audio Dynamite II and Public Image Limited. Because of economic hard times, promoters have packaged groups together on tours to entice audiences to more concerts. This has proven a boon to music fans, who can pay the same to see one major act as several smaller ones.

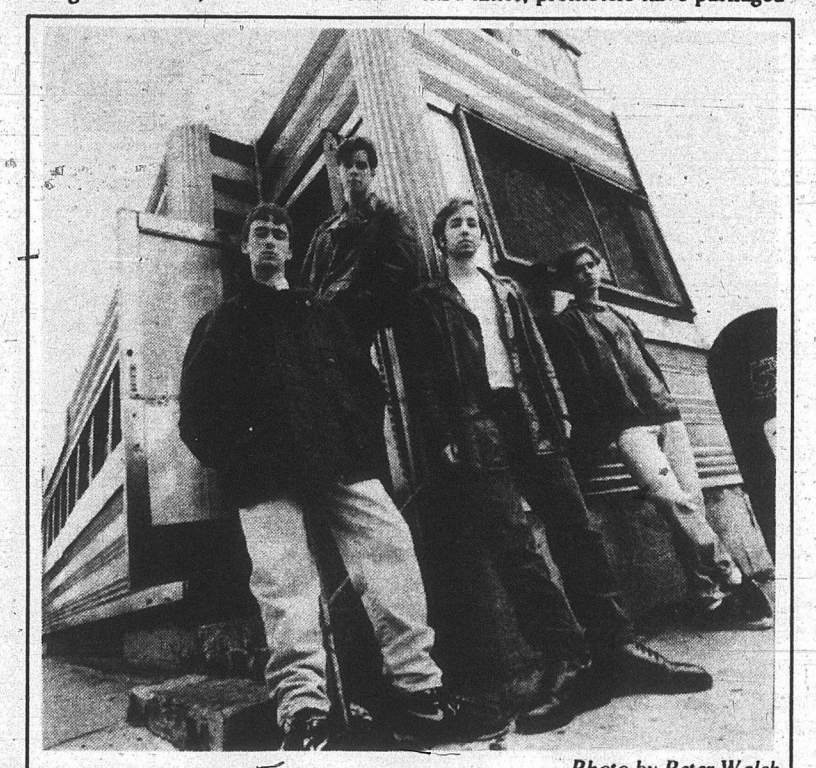

Photo by Peter Walsh

While Middlebury wasn't able to hire all three bands, Live will perform at McCullough on Friday, September 18.

As their name implies, Live's strengths are their live performances. The New York Times noted that Live received the best response from the audiences on the 120 Minutes tour—no small claim, especially since they were competing against such established alternative artists as John Lydon of PiL and Mick Jones of BAD II.

Live's most recent album, Mental Jewelry, is a deceiving name for a thoughtful and passionate effort. It's no mere decoration, but a vibrant fusion of social conciousness and driving rhythms.

One thing that stands out about the band is their youth and their ideals. The lead singer, Edward Kowalczyk, is only 21. In fact, all of the band members are as young as the college-age audiences they play to.

The band members have known each other since childhood, and have played together almost since the day they could pick up an instument. A few years ago they decided to get serious and began entering talent and songwriting contests in their native Pennsylvania.

Live draws from the tradition of REM and U2, but are more intelligible lyrically than the former and less pompous than the latter.

They are still young enough to be idealistic, but smart enough to know that there are no easy answers. As Kowalczyk sings in Mental Jewelry, "This is not a black and white world...And I believe/that maybe today/We will all get to appreciate/The beauty of gray."

Tickets for the show are $6 with Middlebury ID, $8 without. Ed and the Boats will open up for the band, and the whole shebang starts at 10 pm.

Bay of Arrows

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the body of *Bay of Arrows*. Obviously, Geno is not meant to be Parini himself. But this strategy allows him to play with that aspect of the book that emphasizes that the kind of exploitation that occurs here can easily occur within what we consider the safe sphere of our own small community.

Anyone who finds the genre of historical novel intriguing should read Parini's *The Last Station*, the story of Tolstoy's inner circle, or Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *The General in His Labyrinth*, a novel about the last months of Simon Bolivar's life.

Parini, an English professor at Middlebury, has received many literary awards including most recently a Guggenheim fellowship. His novels include *The Love Run* and *The Patch Boys*, and he has published several volumes of poetry as well as literary criticism.

Experiment

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expression. Moreover they allow us, as an audience, to see a lot of theater during the course of one semester—easily and conveniently.

ITE continues this year with a company of seventeen actors. On the agenda for this semester are eight plays to go up on Sundays at both four and five o'clock. Works will be performed by playwrights John Guarre, David Mamet, and Lanford Wilson, as well as lesser known playwrights. Subscriptions for season tickets will be available some time next week for $5, and additional tickets will be available at the door every Sunday. Keep your eyes open for informational posters and table tents around campus where you can purchase subscriptions. Above all, look forward to a weekly mouthful of theater that will, without a doubt, be laden with flavor.

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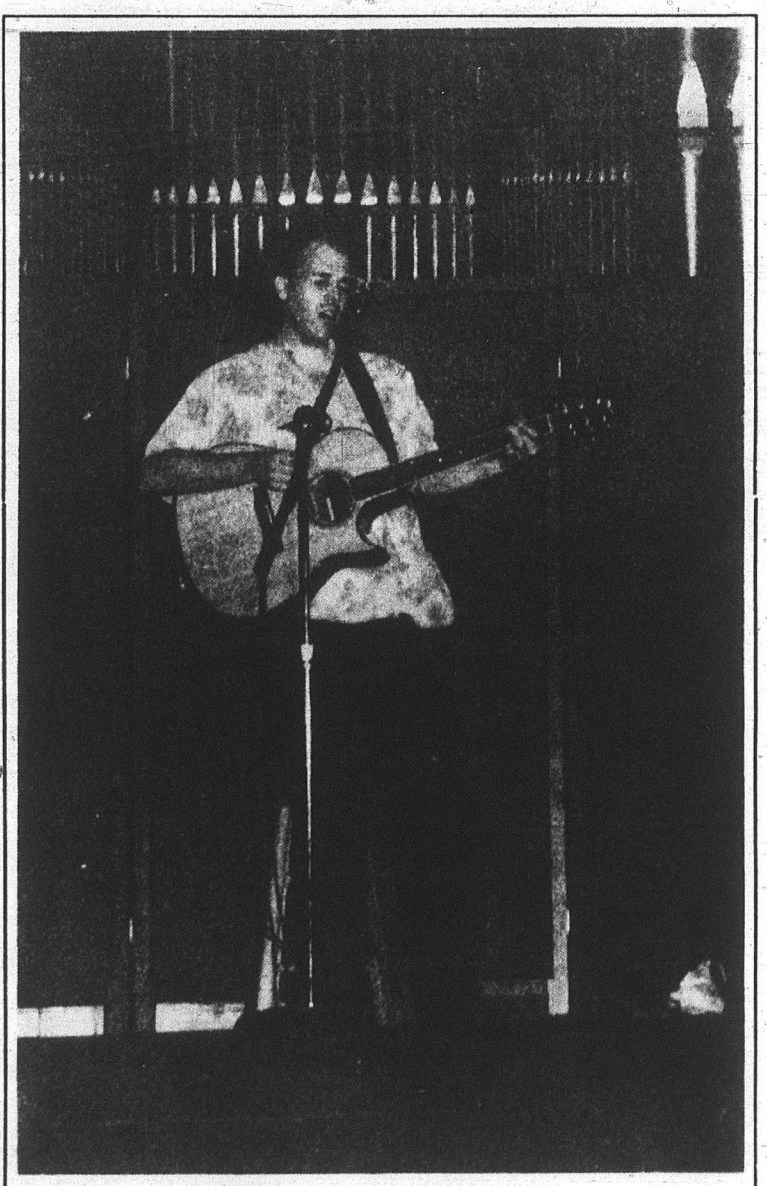
is light and enjoyable, and its touch of idealism is refreshing, especially around election time.



Folk guitarist Brooks Williams returned to Mead Chapel on Thursday, September 10. Photo by Dan Perregaux

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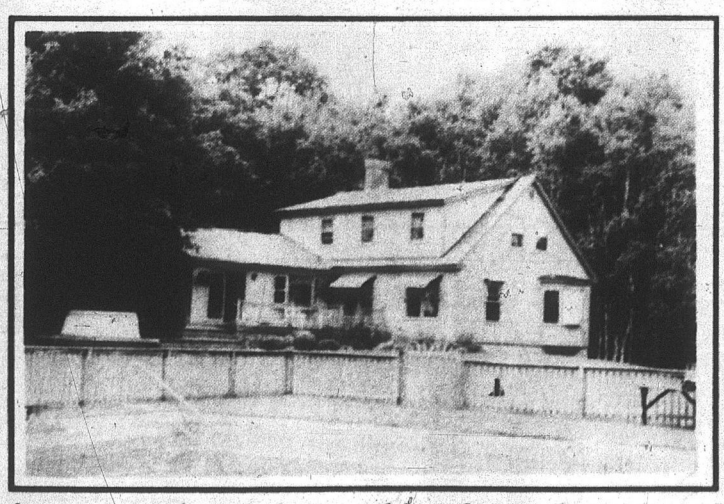

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SPORTS

Young field hockey team relies on talent and teamwork

By Neall Currie

The varsity field hockey team faces this season having lost the bulk of last year's team to graduation but with a lot of depth they are looking to post their 13th consecutive winning season.

"It's a young team, but it's a good young," said Coach Missy Hopkinson of this year's squad.

The team will be led by senior captains Eileen Marvin and Jen Hillner, both of whom bring varsity experience to the field.

The offense suffered the most losses to graduation, including Mary Blanchard '92, who was last year's leading scorer and an All-American player. The slack she leaves will be picked up by a group of players, including attackers Sarah Ellwood '93, a returning varsity starter, and Amy Atwood '95. Once Atwood recovers from an Achilles tendon injury, her speed should be a great asset on offense.

Sophomores Nicole Kassissieh and Nancy Hastings, both second year varsity players, will also provide the offense with some experience and stability.

This year's team features a pair of Copleys, junior Amy and sophomore Sarah, who are both versatile attackers "with a nose for the goal," according to Hopkinson.

The team's true strength should lie in its defense, which will be anchored by sophomore goalkeeper Lora Rackleff. She is coming off a year that included five shut-outs, and a season's experience can only make her better.

Marnie Virden '95, an aggressive forward on last year's team, has moved to midfield for this season. The shift plugs a big gap in the defense, and pairs Virden with Marvin, creating a powerful midfield.

Kerri Heinecken '93 will be playing sweeper, backing Hillner and sophomore Sarah Martin, who is making her varsity debut.

Caroline Clutz '94 will be a force off the bench.

While the team may be young, there is no lack of depth. "The bench is just as strong as the starters," said Hopkinson, who stressed that the team's talent is so widespread that there would be no rigid depth chart.

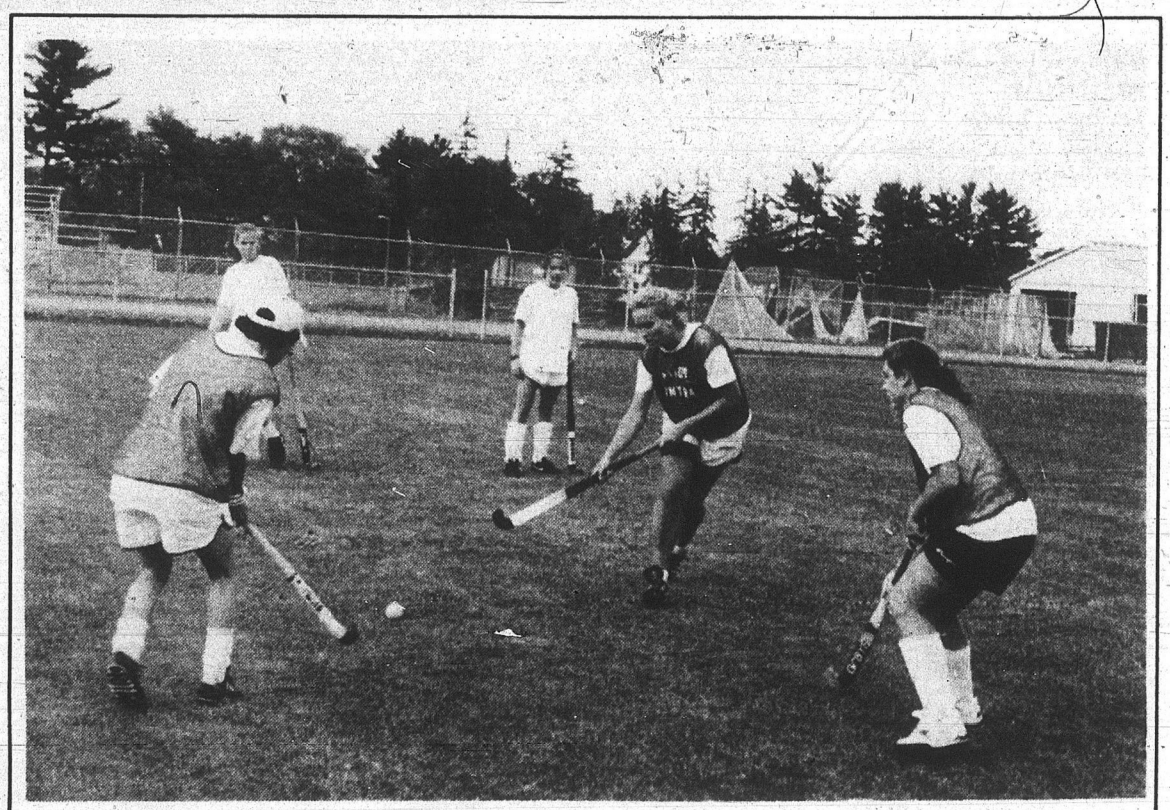
According to Hopkinson, the lack of stars on the squad will force them to rely on more team effort to win games.

Major challenges facing the team this season come in two forms: one is the addition of powerhouse Trinity to their schedule, and the other is a fundamental rule change that adds a new wrinkle to defensive strategy, and makes offenses more mobile.

The three preseason scrimmages, against University of Guelph, Plymouth State University, and Southern Maine University, enabled the squad to get a look at how other teams are dealing with the new rule, and try out some of their own tactics for dealing with it.

The Panthers opened their season against University of Vermont on Tuesday. UVM, their only Division I opponent, provides an excellent early season test, against a powerful team in a game that has no bearing on ECAC standings.

This weekend they travel to Maine for games against Colby and Bates.



Nancy Hastings '94 (center) brings stability to the Panther offense. *Photo by Ed Soh*

New coach, players anticipate wins for rugby

By Josh Israel

The Middlebury men's rugby team, traditionally one of the college's most popular and successful clubs, officially began their practices on Tuesday, September 8.

Due to a recent nationwide surge in rugby's popularity and the fact that the club does not make cuts, the team has become one of the largest and most well established athletic clubs on campus.

They are clearly one of the most successful clubs on campus, dropping only one match in the past two seasons; however, winning is not the only reason the rugby players enjoy the game.

Co-Captain James Wilcox '93 explained, "although we take our rugby seriously, the camaraderie with the other team after the match is equally important."

This year's men's roster will hold between 40 and 45 players on two teams. The first, known as the A-side team, composed of 15 players, is the one which plays all the divisional matches and which hopes to make the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) Division II Tournament if they finish in the top two in their division. The B-side team, comparable to a j.v. team and affectionately referred to as the "Killer B's," will travel with the A-side and scrimmage other B-side teams after the A-sides play.

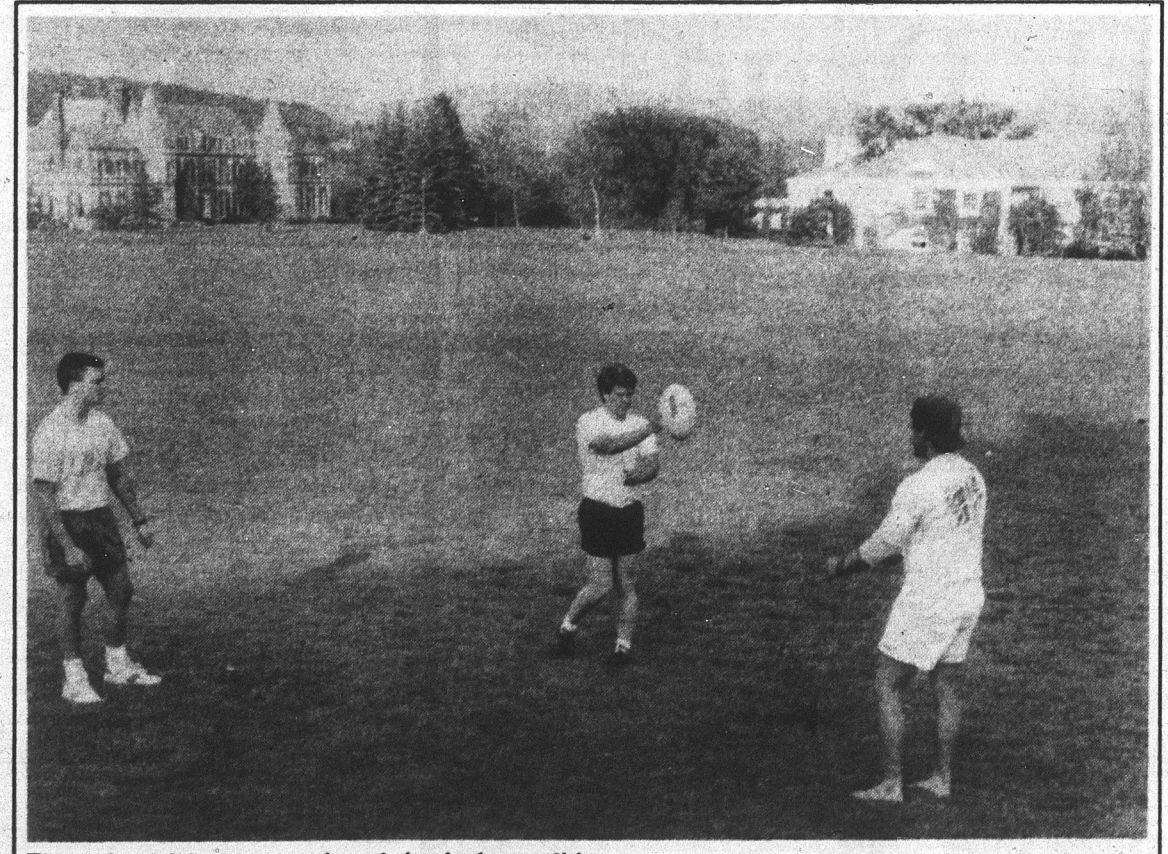
The men's rugby team will face its usual five game regular season schedule against divisional rivalries beginning Saturday, September 19, against Plymouth State.

The men's team, which has undergone some major changes this season, looks again to be a contender in eastern division II play under the direction of graduate Mark Vanston '92. Former coach Richard Stewart had to resign his position due to time constraints. Stewart will not altogether abandon the team, now serving as an advisor and dropping in weekly to make sure all is running smoothly.

In addition to the coaching change, the rugby team has lost some valued players, but, as Wilcox insists, "there is a lot of new young talent to fill the gaps and awesome potential for another great season."

Wilcox, a starting back on the A-side team, will be an integral part of this year's team after the loss of many other backs to graduation. The forwards, or the scrum, looks to be as strong as ever under the leadership of Co-Captain John Loewald '93.

The team believes that they can have as successful a season this year as the 1991 season in which they went undefeated in regular season and reached the NERFU Tournament Finals, where they lost to Bowdoin.



The rugby club hopes to continue their winning tradition. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Crew driven by newfound success

By Hillary Broome

They have oars painted with black and white cow spots, and a boat named Udder Speed. Sometimes other schools don't take them very seriously, but when rowing is involved, the Middlebury College Rowing Club is very serious.

So serious, in fact, that this season they have a guaranteed entry into the men's four category at the Head of the Charles Regatta, the premiere rowing event in the eastern United States.

With the introduction of Mo Hoblitzell as head coach last spring, the program got the competitive push it needed, and since then the program has swelled to over 100 returning and novice rowers.

"We have a really solid program with lots of depth," Hoblitzell said. "There's a lot of competition to be in boats, which will make for really exciting races."

Hoblitzell explained that when there is competition to be in individual boats, the level of energy and excitement among the rowers rises.

Women's co-captain Liz Weems '94 feels the same increase in excitement.

"There's a lot of energy out there because people really want to be out there," Weems said. "I'm sure we'll do well. Everyone's working hard and

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Tennis places second at RPI

By Adam Gilden

The Middlebury men's tennis team placed second in the eight-team Rensselear Polytechnic Institute Invitational Tournament last Saturday in Albany, NY, boosting hopes that were dashed by a disappointing spring season.

The return of juniors Oman Sloan and Geoff Marx has revived a Panthers lineup weakened by the loss of three players to graduation and study abroad.

The team blanked RPI 9-0 in the first round, led by senior Rich Paterniti's play at number one singles. He dismissed Staffan Svenson 6-4, 6-0.

At second singles, Steve Pozatek '95 survived a tough first set 7-6 before taking the second set 6-1 and Sloan beat a tough opponent in Max Wong 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 at three.

Dave Sequeira '94 persisted in his torment of RPI's Prashant Mitta, who lost a singles match to Sequeira for the third consecutive time in a year and a half, 6-3, 6-2.

At number five singles, the all-court game of Lance Klingler '95 prevailed over RPI's Jairemy Oroger, 6-4, 7-5.

Adam Gilden '94, playing sixth singles defeated RPI's Stacy Kearse, 6-2, 6-2.

In their debut as a doubles team, Douglas Tsao '95 and Marx staged a comeback to win 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

In the number two doubles match, Klingler and Sequeira used their powerful serves and net play to subdue their opponents, 6-2, 6-3 and the first doubles team of Paterniti and Pozatek survived

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Blue-White scrimmage fills gaps left by departed players

By Jay Staunton

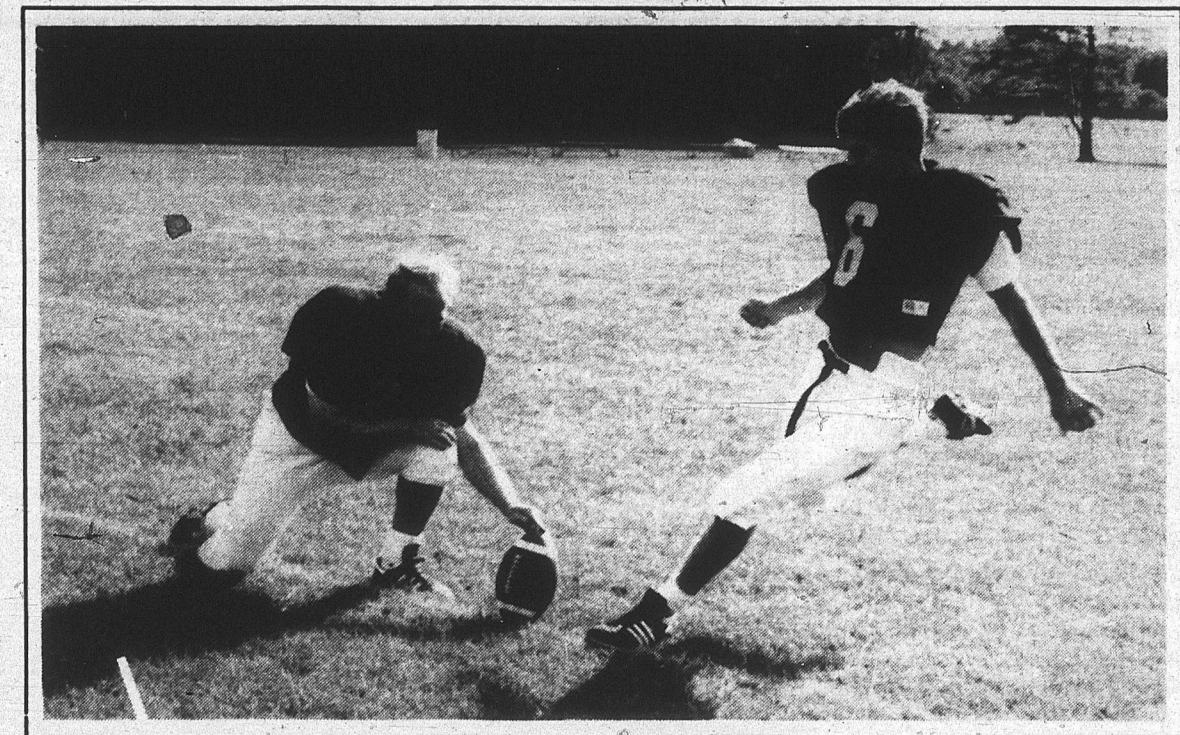
Amid leisurely golfers, dedicated joggers, and any of the other numerous outdoor activities by which Middlebury students enjoy a beautiful autumn afternoon, the Middlebury football team quietly held its first official scrimmage Sunday afternoon.

The annual Blue-White game, which pairs off the squad's offensive and defensive units, is a chance for the veterans to polish off some of the summer rust and get back into football shape. Moreover, there is the chance for underclassmen to impress the coaches with their progress over the off-season and vie for the various spots which have opened up.

For the coaches, Sunday's Blue-White game was a way to start judging who is coming along, and to begin to fill in some of the gaps caused by graduated starters. The game served as a preview of the strengths and weaknesses of the team, and of the various positions.

Going into Sunday's game, the biggest questions for Middlebury lay on the offensive side of the ball. The biggest focus will be on senior quarterback Andy Hyland, who, after three years of being shuffled around in the backfield, has finally settled back into his natural position of signal-caller. While the dependability of last year's starter Pat Dyson '92 will be missed, Hyland has proven himself in the leadership role, as was demonstrated by his heroics in the Norwich game two years ago.

Hyland looked solid throughout the scrimmage, throwing fifteen times for seven completions. He ran in the same bull-rush style he used in his fullback days, and his pitches to the backs were smooth. Still, much of the success of the offensive unit will be dependent upon the senior's performance.



The Panther offense will be hard-pressed to play to the level of the defense. *Photo by Ed Soh*

One big asset in the offense's favor is having one of the most explosive backfields in the NESCAC. Eric Sevigny enters his senior season hoping to live up to the promise he showed late in his freshman year. Though hampered by occasional injuries, he has proven himself to be a steady back in all areas. His lack of true breakaway speed is nicely compensated for by his hard-nosed running, soft hands, tenacious blocking, and general feel for the game. Still recovering from a bothersome ankle, Sevigny was used sparingly in the Blue-White scrimmage, though he was effective.

Sevigny's backfield partner in crime is the much ballyhooed junior Matt Whitcomb, who compliments Sevigny's steadiness with big-play capability. Whitcomb has nibbled at greatness for two years now, and, judging from his performance in the pre-season tests, appears ready to become a consistently exciting runner. He displayed his talent in the scrimmage with some amazing runs from the line, as well as some fine catches.

The production of these two athletic halfbacks relies, however, on the ability of their blockers to open up holes in the line.

Both at the fullback spot and in the offensive line, there are some questions. Hayden Harman '92 leaves big shoes to fill at fullback, where sophmores Dan Richards and Mike Brass are currently waging a battle for the primary spot. The two played at the same level on Sunday, each seeming to impress Coach Heinecken. This battle is one to watch, as both show good strength and desire, but have yet to prove themselves in an actual game.

The offensive line was anchored by center Jon Fortin '94 in the Blue-White scrimmage, who in this pre-season had the impressive distinction of topping the fitness charts, which is unheard-of for a lineman. Fortin's off-season diligence has paid off in the tests, but the result may be a loss of some much needed bulk.

Rounding out the line were Kan Tanabe '93 and Manny Pellicer '94 at guards, with Rocky Williams '94 and Tim Niehus '93 as the tackles.

A pleasant surprise at camp was the emergence of Pete Cragan '94 as a top-notch tight end. Cragan showed a willingness to make the key blocks with error-free consistency on Sunday, as well as to go unflinchingly over the middle for the clutch passes.

There are a few solid spots along the line, but they had a little trouble handling the defense. The play will have to be maintained at a solid level if the explosiveness of the backfield is to be a factor.

The receiving core appears to be steady, though a bit thin in the ranks. Doug Clarner '94 was out Sunday with a bruised shoulder, but is expected to return shortly. His perennially soft hands are always an asset, and his routes are as sharp as his golf game.

Jimmy O'Brien '94 managed to drag himself from the beach in time to become the most impressive receiver in camp, and he showed it off in the Blue-White game. Hyland credited him with pulling down a few tough passes, as he was routinely getting himself open and snaring ropes. However, if either he or Clarner should go down to injury, the fill-ins could be a bit green, causing some trouble for the passing game.

The true strength of the Panthers lies in the defensive front. Led by senior captain Rick Gronda, the front line is considered by most insiders as one of the top three in the league. Seniors Hank Calam and Dana Schneider round off the front line, both proven three-year starters. All looked rock-steady in the scrimmage, with junior Keith Bucher rotating in the line.

The inside linebackers, John-Henry Hubert '93 and Dave Middleton '94, rattled a few opposing helmets, as they did last year.

Look for Dave Hooper '94 to create some problems for opposing offenses, as he hinted in the scrimmage with his interception and fumble recovery. Paul Dalpe '93 and Winfield Campbell '95 worked the ends without a problem, and promise to overcome the loss of Todd Wallen '94 to injury.

The defensive backfield showed the abilities of some of the best athletes on the team, with Grady Woodring '93, Will White '94, and Roy McKinnon '94 working the corners. Tim Shaw '93, Paul Casarico '94, and Dave Collard '94 manned the safety spots, with Shaw showing his ability to read plays quickly and get to the ball.

Throughout the Blue-White game, evaluations and judgements were being made on all of these areas. With the upcoming scrimmage against Wesleyan this Saturday, many of the question-marks will be resolved, and the team will prepare to finalize positions in anticipation of the opening game against Bowdoin.

Men's tennis

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a second set concentration lapse to win, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

Middlebury dominated Vassar, winning eight of nine matches to win the semifinal meeting. Paterniti took control of his match against Vassar's Gabe Levinson with deep groundstrokes and volleys winning 6-4, 6-0.

Pozatek's tough mental game was not quite enough for a win against Steve Neu. Sloan found his backhand in the third set and defeated Toby Tumarkin, 6-3, 0-6, 6-1. Sequeira played a virtually perfect third set to beat Justin Paquette 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, and Klingler was all over the net to beat Hiro Shimuzo 6-2, 7-5. Gilden recovered from a sloppy first set to defeat Sam Na 6-4, 6-0. At third doubles, Tsao and Marx played brilliantly, posting a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Sequeira and Klingler easily won second doubles 6-2, 6-3.

After a barrage of questionable line calls by the Vassar players, Pozatek and Paterniti asked for a line judge and regained their concentration to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

On Sunday morning, Middlebury went out to avenge last spring's defeat at the hands of SUNY-Albany, but Albany slid by with a 5-4 win.

Pozatek and Gilden were the only two winners in singles, and the first two doubles teams also recorded wins, but it was not enough.

"It was a good start for what will hopefully be a great season," coach Elizabeth Leeds said. "Even though it was tough losing to Albany, everyone played well." With Sloan and Marx back and Paterniti designing productive practices, the team looks forward to an exciting fall season. They will return to Albany next weekend for the Great Dane Invitational.

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Pranksters draw talent from class of '96

By Joel Thompson

Discs soared once again on Battell Beach, as the Middlebury Pranksters, the school's resident ultimate frisbee club team, commenced preparations last week for the fall season. Despite losing the core of last year's team to graduation, spirits are high and ambitions are characteristically sane.

There appears to be little chance that the Pranksters will relinquish their status as one of the more relaxed teams on campus. When asked how much success he anticipated this fall, Captain Matt Evans '94 responded, "my primary concerns are getting new uniforms and creating moronic nicknames for everyone. Once we accomplish those things, anything can happen."

The team is bolstered by the return of seniors Nick Hinge and Colin Breeze, as well as juniors Whit Bacon, Brett Leland, John Johnstone, Ethan McKittrick, and Joel Thompson.

Many experienced sophomores, including Jon Shu and Fritz Burkhardt, will have the opportunity to step forward and contribute as well.

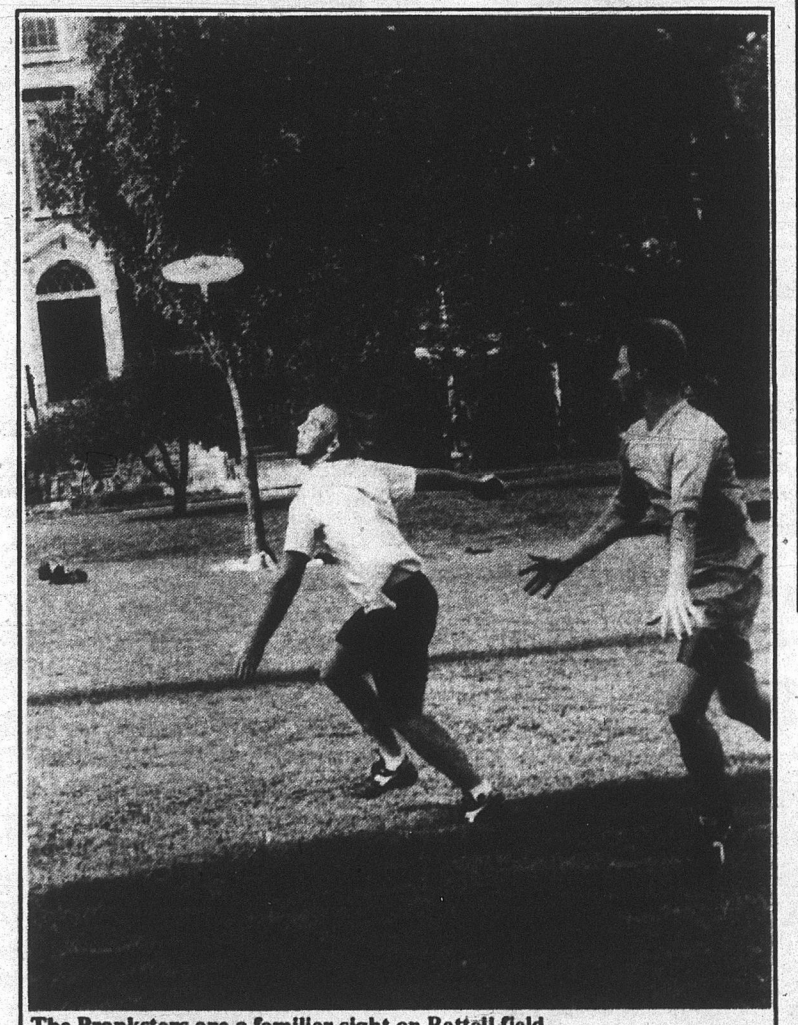
Thanks to intense and original recruiting, the team's ranks are swelled with first-year students. Therefore, the first week of practice was largely spent teaching the structure and rules of the game.

Several women also made it to practice, and may be able to compete as a separate team this season.

With a busy schedule, including tournaments at Williams, Vermont Law School, and the Sectional Playoffs, the Pranksters look forward to an enjoyable and exciting season.

Team advisor Matthew Dickerson, a former member of the nationally ranked Cornell team, said, "the team has improved every year since I've been here...by spring we have a definite chance to make the regional semifinals."

The team opens their season this weekend in a club tournament in Concord, New Hampshire.



The Pranksters are a familiar sight on Battell field.
Photo by Roberta Stewart

Crew

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we're excited to have a full racing season."

Weems, who shares captain's responsibilities with Heather Johnson '94, said that she expects the women to be led by a strong varsity women's eight boat this season. Seniors Brooke Wynkoop, Bethany Stein, Anne-Marina Hartnett, Kris Hood and Jen Thompson are returning to the women's squad this fall.

The men's team, captained by Dave Owens '93 and Jason Stull '94, is looking forward to a strong lightweight men's program, according to Owens.

"The lightweight and heavyweight fours should be strong," Owens said. "They will be our focus for the fall." Owens will be joined by returning classmates Pete Rubin and Pete Carpenter.

The varsity squads are outnumbered by the huge surge of incoming novices. Owens estimates that about 65 first-year students have become involved this season.

Hoblitzell calls them "the strongest novice program we've ever had."

"We've had strong novice participation," Owens said. "They're the new generation of crew — they're excited and very motivated."

The crew's first journey this season will be to the Head of the Hudson, held on September 26, followed by the Head of the Mohawk on Oct. 3. The bigger regattas, or "the crown jewels of the fall season," as Owens calls them, come next, starting with the Head of the Connecticut on Oct. 11, and followed by the Head of the Charles on Oct. 18. There is also a new addition to the schedule, the Head of the Schuykill, on Oct. 24. Finally, the season ends on Oct. 31 with the Head of the Fish, a smaller regatta in Saratoga Springs, NY.

"We always get excited about the Head of the Fish," Weems said. "Last year we did really well, and it's a good race to end the season on. The Head of the Schuykill and the Charles are kind of big and scary but exciting. I think it's in our power to have a winning season."

"Goalwise, we're setting our sights on the Head of the Charles," Owens said. "That's our major focus, as is doing well in all races."

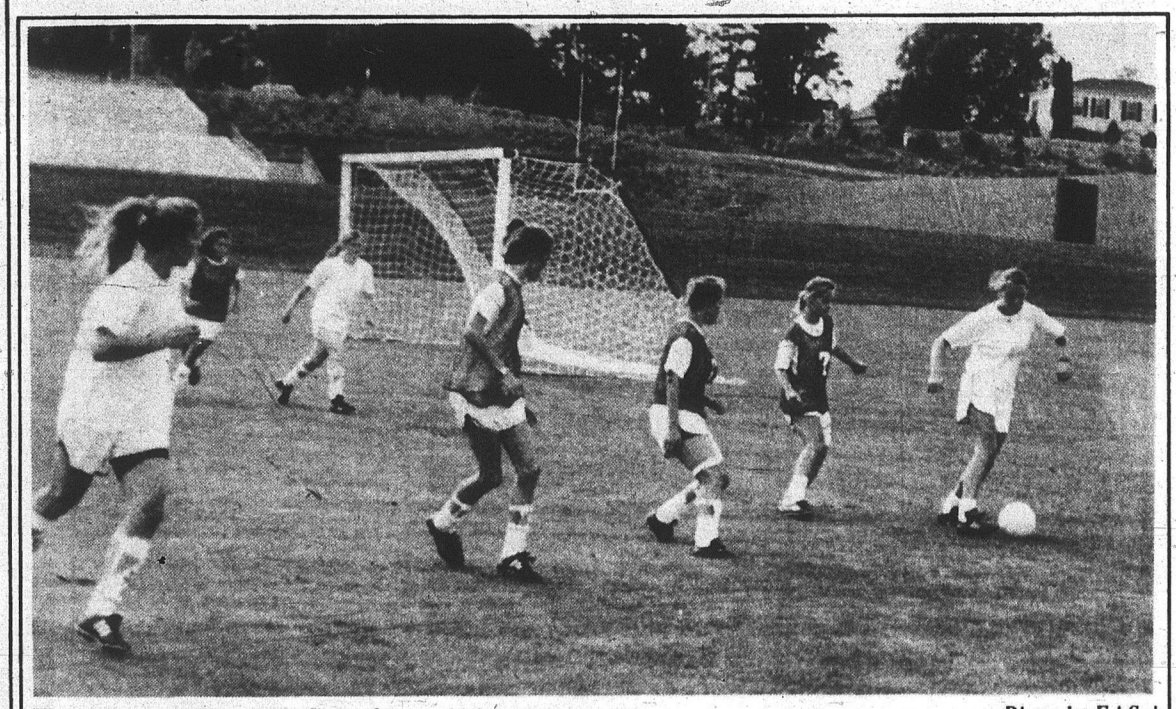
SPORTS SHORTS

The rundown:

•**Men's Golf** starts the season with a new coach; Alpine skiing coach Bart Bradford embarks on his first season as the Panthers' golf coach to lead a veteran team this fall. Returning golfers include senior captains Josh Pepin and Topher Smith. Other returning seniors innclude Jon Hanlon, Zach Peterson, and Eric Batchelder. The golfers, having opened their tournement season at the Skidmore Invitational on September 15 will return to the Ralph Myhre Course for the 9th Annual Duke Nelson Invitational Tournement on September 19-20.

•**Men's soccer** looks foward to a strong season after touring and playing in England before returning stateside for pre-season. The team kicked off the season Tuesday at home against St. Michael's, and will meet Colby on Friday, September 18, in their second match of the season.

•**Women's soccer** enjoyed a very exciting pre-season here at Middlebury. Traveling to Hanover, N.H., the Panthers took on a tough Dartmouth team on September 6. The team will face Colby in their second appearance this season on Friday, September 18.



Women's soccer travels to Colby for a match tomorrow. *Photo by Ed Soh*

•**The cross-country teams** are looking forward to their first contest this Saturday at Williams. The women boast many returners, including All-American Kristin Daly '94 while the men remain a deep squad despite the loss of stars Rob Pedersen and Brian Schilling.

•**Women's tennis**, led by nationally-ranked players Chantal Den Broeder '95 and Helen Motter '95 will demonstrate their abilities when the team makes their season debut this Friday and Saturday at Colby and Bates, respectively.

•**The water polo team** has begun practices, preparing for their home tournament against Trinity, WPI and Babson on Oct. 3. President Shawn Henry '93, Vice-President Erin Hill '93, Treasurer Brian DeChristopher '94 will lead returners Dane Sobeck '93, Elissa Safer '93, and hole-setters Alex Cobb '95 and Mike Romano '93 among others as the team prepares for another season.

Congratulations to:

•Women's lacrosse coach **Missy Hopkinson** has been named 1992 Division III Northeast Regional Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association. Hopkinson has directed Panther lacrosse to an overall record of 84-40-1 and a two year record of 25-4.

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HI, DREAM-BOAT! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MY MARRIAGE, FOR ONE THING!
HEE, HEE! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TODAY?
I DUNNO— WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET'S GO DOWNTOWN AND HURL EPITHETS AT PEOPLE DIFFERENT FROM US!
WE HAVE A NEW WRITER, I TAKE IT.
HEY, AT LEAST WE'RE BACK.
9-17
WHAT'S IN THE PAPER, HONEY?
THE USUAL— SINGLE MOTHERS WHO WORK, HOMOSEXUALS WHO TEACH, PEOPLE WHO GET AIDS...
YOU KNOW, MAYBE IT'S TIME WE MOVED TO THE SUBURBS!
GOOD IDEA! MORE OF US...
...AND LESS OF THEM!
A PLACE WHERE WE CAN PRACTICE OUR VALUES IN PEACE AND QUIET!
WHO IS THIS GUY?
I DON'T KNOW. I JUST WISH HE'D GET MY NOSE RIGHT!
DADDY! DADDY! GREAT NEWS!
WHAT IS IT, SQUIRT?
THEY'RE GIVING THE OLD WRITER ANOTHER CHANCE...
THERE'S GOING TO BE ONE FINAL FAMILY VALUES TEST! I FORGET WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT THEY HAVE TO DIP THE FEATURE IN WATER OR SOMETHING...
A LITMUS TEST?
THAT'S IT! IF WE DON'T TURN PINK, WE'RE HOME FREE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Crest Room staff requests that those students who are stealing plants please stop doing so. The plants are provided and maintained by the workers in the Crest Room, and are meant to make the dining area more attractive. Plants are not expensive or in short supply, so please leave the Crest Room plants alone.

The Middlebury College Democrats are sponsoring a rally tomorrow on Proctor Terrace. Call Rob Schlesinger at x 3811.

Middlebury College seniors who would like to apply for FULBRIGHT or other post-graduate awards administered by the Institute of International Education should see Mr. Andrews in Munroe 203 (x5300) for further information. The deadline for submission to Mr. Andrews of completed grant applications is October 9, 1992.

Addison County Hospice is pleased to announce its annual Hospice Volunteer Training which will begin Tuesday, September 15 in Middlebury. The training is free and meets from 4-6 pm every Tuesday for 13 weeks. Men and women who are seriously interested in helping to care for terminally ill people in Addison County are encouraged to attend. Preregistration is required and class size is limited. The training includes discussion, role playing, films, speakers, homework, readings and "hands on" personal care skills. Hospice Volunteers donate an average of 4-6 hours a week when with a family. For more information call Barbara Deal, Director, at 388-4111.

Snowboard for sale! Burton Air.
Call Drew Meyers at x.4682 and leave a message or call direct at 545-2217 to talk to the mogul shredder himself.

Cartoonists needed! The Campus is looking for creative, witty and talented artists to submit regular cartoons for the Opinions section. Call Lisa at x.6319 for more information.

Typist needed! The Campus is looking for creative, witty and talented typists to work several hours a week. Please no hunt and peckers! Position pays college wages by the hour. For more info call Pete at x. 5736.

Saturday, September 26 is the final deadline for applications for the 1993 Miss Vermont U.S.A. Pageant, a spectacular event to be staged in Burlington in November, 1992. The Miss Vermont U.S.A Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss U.S.A.-Miss Universe Contest! No performing "talent" requirement. All judging based on poise, personality and beauty of face and figure. All girls interested in competing for the title of Miss Vermont must write to: Miss Vermont U.S.A. Pageant Headquarters, Dept. R-2, 607 Boylston St., 3rd Floor, Boston, MA, 02116, by September 26. Letters must include a recent snapshot, a brief biography, date of birth and phone number.

This weekend the college will celebrate the inauguration of President McCardell. Saturday's events will include: a panel discussion in Dana Auditorium at 2:00 pm entitled "Confronting A New Century: Changing Visions of the United States, 1892 and 1992" and an inaugurial dance featuring the Bougaloo Swamis at 9:00 pm to be followed by midnight fireworks at the Youngman Field. On Sunday the inaugural procession will begin at Twilight Hall at 11:30 amto be followed by a ceremony outside of Munroe. Students are encouraged to participate fully.

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OPINIONS

Sophomore disgusted with widespread student alcohol abuse

I would like to tell the story of life in a freshman dorm. In the past year I was a resident of Stewart dormitory which received the "award" of being one of the most well known and notorious dorms on the Middlebury campus. In Stewart, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night was party-time. Getting drunk was the thing to do, with whatever kind of alcoholic beverage that could be found.

The usual follow up was to turn stereos up to a maximum until 2 A.M. and on occasion to leave vomit either in the hallways or in the bathrooms. Other popular activities included emptying the garbage cans in the hall, breaking bottles or furniture, pulling fire alarms or emptying an extinguisher.

Of course we do not want to think about the cleaning personnel who have to wipe up the vomit from the toilet bowls or who have to figure out how to remove it from the carpet where it has been smelling up the hall since Friday because, well, it is their job, isn't it? Should we even consider our fellow students who might have class on Fridays? Hey, they can move out of here.

Let me move to the much addressed and volatile subject of date-rape. Does anyone want to venture a guess as to how many incidents of this problem occur in conjunction with the overconsumption of alcohol? Add to that the dorm-damage that everybody has to pay for at the end of the year, (thanks to the people who decided to rip out the fire detectors or pull the fire alarms) and you begin to wonder why the hell you are only paying $22,000 to live here anyway.

The extent of drinking in Stewart dormitory exceeded amazing proportions. Fact: cleaning personnel counted over 800 bottles of beer in Stewart dormitory that remained after a spectacular weekend! (Stewart has 150 residents and keep in mind that this excludes kegs and liquor.)

Fact: Dean Hanson called a meeting with residents of the first floor of Stewart after three kegs were discovered on separate dates.

Result: more bottled beer on the first floor and the second floor continued with the kegs. Isn't this fun? It has not stopped.

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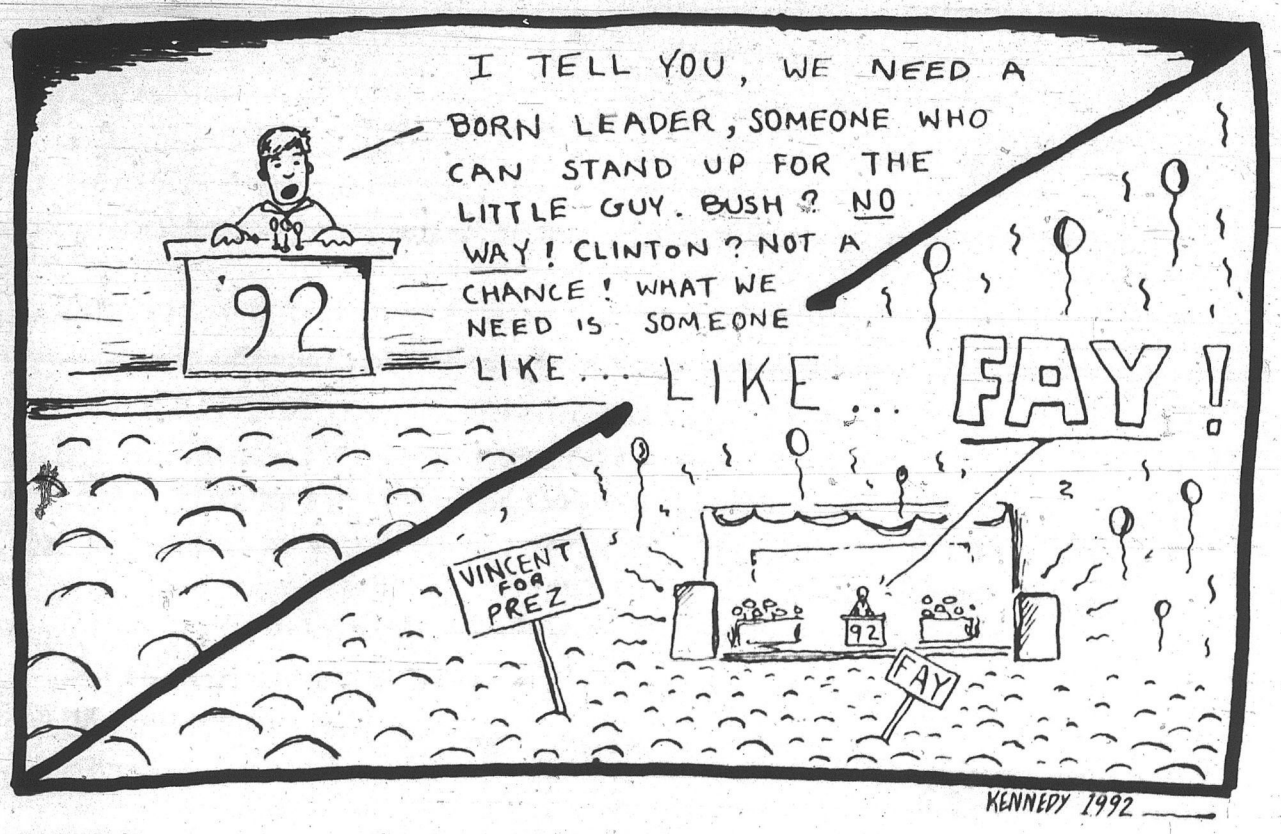
Anyway, it seems that from a standpoint of the Deans that this problem does not really exist. The security officers, as everyone knows, have about as much authority here as the SGA. Most parents do not realize the extent of the students' destructive hedonism. So what is left? The students? Who would like to stand alone as an absolute social outcast? There is whining and complaining but very little action.

Students: do you realize that Middlebury College gives you this privilege because they want to make you feel like adults? Define your maturity. Did you include keeping other people's interests in mind (exclude your friends for a moment)? How does pulling fire alarms register in your mind? Is there anybody who still leaves their dorm when those things go off?

The inactivity concerning the policy toward alcohol consumption in this school is plainly obvious. The problem is rarely forced out into the open because it is so deeply ingrained in the minds of many students. The difficulty also lies in defining "too much." What is the goal of alcohol consumption? To get drunk or to sit back with your friends and relax with a beer? More often than not, the former predominates. Often many problems that exist in connection with "power-drinking" are attacked from a standpoint where the source is not defined. Why not start with the root?

Sandro Wulff '95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Bureaucracy leads to vote for Clinton

I have a question for you. How do you feel about our country? There is a possibility that George Bush will win the presidential election.

Do you think this is dangerous?

This summer in North Carolina I could not cash any of my paychecks; I had no bank account. I understand the reasoning. So I had a friend Andy cash my checks. At the end of the summer, however, I had one final paycheck that would become available two weeks after my departure. Where does Bush fit in? Stay with me.

My friend Andy and I went to his bank. You see, I owed him about the amount of my last paycheck. I hoped I could have Andy pick up my check and cash it. You know, instead of sending it back to New Hampshire just to be sent back to North Carolina.

We spoke to three bank tellers eloquently, then pleadingly, asking if Andy could get the money. Not possible. I had to be there to sign it over. I asked the oldest teller if she noticed an increased financial anxiety around town and who was President when she started working. She chuckled heartily, and said, "I don't think it has anything to do with the President."

'Nothing to do with the President.' I will remember those words, and wonder if I am unreasonable. I remember when I could cash a third party check at a gas station. Now I cannot even cash a check made out to me in the town it was made out in. Sure there is a reason. There is always a reason. But aren't banks there so we can get money? I am spending a lot of time waiting for my paycheck so fewer banks go bankrupt. Remember S&L?

The same week, I was arrested for buying my 20 year-old friend a six-pack of beer. This is reasonable. The cop followed us into an alley, and stopped us ten feet short of my friend's car. I had just handed him the six-pack which, incidentally, was visible because the convenience store where we got it was going out of business and had no bags. So much for convenience.

I was summoned to appear in court in North Carolina on September 10. If you recall, we were in classes that day. So I spent time and money trying to break into a phone system whose primary goal is to not let anyone get through (I was put on hold three times and dealt with two separate secretaries). The office in question? The district attorney's office.

Again there is a reason. Why should a public official be bothered with phone calls from the public? When I finally did get through, the district attorney told me to get in touch with the arresting officer. I was surprised to discover that one cannot talk to an officer over the phone, regardless of whether or not he or she is on duty. I was also interested to learn that police officers do not return messages.

Of course there are reasons. It is just that the quality of life has decreased because of the lack of public accessibility. What can we do? Well, it does have to do with the President. I am not necessarily against Republicanism; but at this moment I am anti-Republican. There is a difference. Maybe twelve years ago it was time for capitalism and hands-off government. But a solution at one time is not necessarily always the solution. So I am voting Democrat. There are problems, and hands need to be on them.

Joshua Pepin '93

Clinton makes appeal to students

I learned something when I was in college which I have never forgotten and which motivates me to this day. I had a professor who taught that America's greatness is based on two ideas: that tomorrow can be better than today, and that each of us has a personal responsibility to make it so.

I still believe that and I hope you can too.

Washington has done so little for so long that you may think the President can't make a difference in your lives. Don't believe it. Franklin Roosevelt put millions of Americans to work during the Great Depression. Harry Truman sent millions of Americans to college with the GI Bill. Martin Luther King Jr. and millions with him pushed the President to transform our laws and guarantee civil rights.

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We are the only industrialized country without a national health care plan, a national education plan, and a strategy for the future.

Al Gore and I have a plan. It's called, "Putting People First" and you can find it in your local library or bookstore.

I want you to know that together we will change America again. We will fight for what Americans deserve. The right to borrow for college. A good job. Affordable, quality health care. A clean, safe environment. Choice. A government that works together for the American people.

You have a lot more at stake in this election than I do. You have to worry about paying for your education. You have to hope that you'll be able to find a decent job after school. You have to worry that you'll fall in love with someone who is HIV positive. And you have to hope that one more Supreme Court Justice won't take away your right to choose.

I hope you will join me in a great effort to unite Americans, to create a community where people look out for each other, not only for themselves. It will be an America where we all have a chance and we all stand together — whatever our race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Your voices must be heard and I intend to continue listening. Join our effort, register and vote. Together we can change America.

Governor Bill Clinton

First-years volunteer their skills in town

Before most of you arrived on campus, 30 first-year students, six sophomore leaders, and organizer Tiffany Sargent had already given the gazebo in town a fresh coat of paint, widened a cross-country trail in the Green Mountain National Forest, prepared the Gaylor School for opening day, and rebuilt the playground at the parent-child center.

The Volunteer Preview Program, in its third year of existence, allows first-year students to familiarize themselves with their classmates and campus life before the chaos of orientation, while benefitting the Middlebury community.

As an alternate pre-orientation option, the Volunteer Preview harnesses the nervous energy and enthusiasm of first-year students and directs it toward community service and action.

This year, the group met on Sunday, August 30 for a welcome picnic dinner and a "get to know you and the program" session. For the next two days the students worked in four small groups with sophomore leaders on service projects from early morning until late afternoon.

Evening activities ranged from discussions about community service, to leaping into the Falls of Llana in 50 degree weather, touring the Morgan Horse farm, playing Twister, and relaxing with pizza and a movie.

As sophomores, we had the opportunity to watch the first-year students, who were no different from ourselves last year, get to know each other as they accidentally splattered paint on someone holding their ladder or as they caught a group member (or leader) who may have tripped on the trail.

Watching the first-year students work with such vigor and excitement rejuvenated some of our own excitement about working within the community.

Many thanks to everyone

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EDITORIAL

Dear Trustees...

A major theme of last weekend's 1492-1992 Symposium focused on the contact of two cultures with differing perspectives on the world around them.

In the spirit of open discussion of the concept of discovery, and with the inauguration of President McCardell only days away, it seems appropriate to address an issue that has, for the last 12 months, been on the minds of many students involved with and interested in the daily and long-term affairs of the college: namely, the need for improved communication and dialogue between students and the detached Board of Trustees.

This weekend new and old members of the board will arrive on campus to celebrate the inauguration of President McCardell. Despite repeated efforts of the Campus, SGA, and other student organizations to improve lines of communication since the inauguration and abrupt departure of Timothy Light, the board remains ignorant of the interests and concerns of the student body.

Names and addresses of the "Fellows of the Corporation" remain off- limits to students seeking to keep the trustees in tune with the status of college life, both social and academic.

Despite the fact that time was made for trustee-student meals during periodic on-campus trustee meetings last spring (largely at the behest of an aggressive SGA), many of the decisions that affect the daily lives of students, staff and faculty are still being made behind closed doors, with little or no explanation, and announced in a fashion devoid of respect for the student body.

Light's resignation was never explained; the potential effects of a tuition hike that far surpassed the Consumer Price Index were never confronted; the decision to appoint a new president without a national search was never opened to public forum.

The SGA, under new leadership, has requested that the trustees adopt a 15 minute "walk-in" period at each trustee meeting during which a student would be allowed to address the trustees in an effort to improve dialogue. The adoption of this sensible suggestion would not only provide an opportunity for bilateral discourse, but would demonstrate a sincere interest on the part of the trustees in the daily workings of the college. This recognition of the voice of the student body can only help to heal the wounds caused by the events of last year.

The ten-year planning document, approved by the trustees and now being implemented by a new Dean for Planning, recommends increased student input and involvement in policy formation. The document calls on the college to "better engage the community in the on-going process of formulating institutional policies, by encouraging and supporting appropriate formal committee participation and informal consultation...[and] ensure broad representation of the community on current and future college committees that determine college-wide institutional policies."

What better way to show its commitment to the interests and concerns of the students, faculty and staff, and to the plan itself, than for the board to accept the SGA's sensible proposal?

It is time the trustees stopped paying lip service to communication and prove that they are willing to live up to their own recommendations. The two differing perspectives of Middlebury held by the students and the trustees can never hope to converge without coherent, productive dialogue.

Only by making a concerted effort to establish regular contact with the student body can the trustees "discover" that not every day at Middlebury is as festive as inauguration day.

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Family values platform is a hoax

Over the summer, the leadership of the Republican Party tried to make family values a central issue in the presidential campaign.

One is forced to wonder why politicians are talking about family values when the dollar value of families across the country is dropping; for that matter, one wonders why they bring up the issue at all.

The cynical answer to the first question is that Republican leadership is trying to put a new spin on, and add relevance, to the allegations of Governor Clinton's marital waywardness. The idealistic excuse is that Republicans really do believe what they are saying.

The family values argument makes two main assumptions. The first is that the family values of the President affect the country and therefore should be taken into consideration in the upcoming election.

The second assumption is that family values are decaying across the nation, so we need a President with the proper values in order to guide us through this tough time.

For the sake of argument, let us assume that the President's values are relevant and that the country's values are decaying. The Republicans tell us that the President must be re-elected because we need his stern sense of values in the White House to morally resurrect the country.

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If this is a crucial year for America's soul, (a religious war was what the typically soft-spoken Pat Buchanan called it) then we can hardly vote for the man who has sat helplessly by for twelve years while his country has turned into the United States of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Rob Schlesinger '94
President, Middlebury College Democrats

Pre-enrollment needs improvement

I waited all year for my letter of acceptance into the class of 1996 of Middlebury college. To my delight, along with the confirmation letter, I recieved a special invitation to attend the Pre-Enrollment Program starting August 8, at Middlebury.

In all honesty, I must attribute the act of accepting the offer to attend the Pre-Enrollment Program to youthful temerity. However, after one week of classes, I can safely say that I do not regret my decision to participate.

I arrived on campus August 8, and began the grueling three weeks of course work in which the staff created a unique environment that helped the 28 first-year students who attended become quickly attuned to the Middlebury College mystique.

The professors were very helpful in their efforts to ease the rampant anxiety students felt while writing five page papers, keeping nightly journals, eating the "delicious" food in Proctor Hall and meeting the faculty of Middlebury College. After a two day orientation, including a tour which forced the participants to find their way around campus using various clues, I was ready to go. At least I thought so.

The next morning in my seminar, after reading 50 pages of controversial issues, I no longer possessed the naiveté of the new awe-struck first-year student from Tennessee.

Although the Pre-Enrollment Program was great, it most definitely can be improved. Areas needing improvement include breakfast, computer accessibility on the weekends, housing and a less confusing campus map.

I cannot overemphasize the first point. Breakfast *must* be improved. Continental breakfast at Proctor each morning is not only monotonous but it is also depressing.

The second point of improvement, computer accessibility on the weekends, is as important as the first. During the second weekend of the Pre-Enrollment Program, Voter Hall was closed without warning, even though Professor Bertolini had assigned a paper. Any student who would be slightly indignant when forced to meet a paper deadline without a computer please raise your hand. Yes, I mean right now, wherever you are! Thank you. Students who attend the Pre-Enrollment Program next year will be unable to complete papers unless computers are available.

Remember your first year? How would you feel if you "sacrificed" three weeks of your summer, precious last days with your family, stress-free days in the sun with friends, only to be housed in Hadley Dorm for over two weeks? Those who would object please raise your hand. Thank you. What an introduction to Middlebury!

The last point speaks for itself. This institution of higher learning's duty is to aid me in my search for knowledge. Instead the campus map sent me on a quest to find buildings; a quest comparable in difficulty to the quest of Arthurian knights for the Holy Grail.

I hope that Dean Lindholm will consider the suggestions mentioned above and I wish to thank the staff overseeing the Pre-Enrollment Program for my overall pleasant introduction to Middlebury College.

Benjamin Theolonius Sanders '96

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Transfer student experiences change

Moving to Vermont this fall was quite a change for this old city boy. I am from Boston, the quintessential "rude" place. Boston, where a surly waiter is the norm; where if you are in the crosswalk it is an extra fifty points. Boston, where the harbor is hazardous waste.

Things are different here at Middlebury College. The air is a little cleaner, the water a heck of a lot colder, and the people a lot nicer. In fact, the students are so nice, I have to ask: What *is* the deal with Political Correctness at this school?

Everyone here is so concerned with P.C. No longer are we short, we are "vertically challenged." No longer are we fat, we are "girth disadvantaged." It is rather nice being "organizationally challenged," but haven't we taken this a little too far?

I agree there are times when P.C. is correct, such as using the label African-American instead of Black. Or Gay and Lesbian instead of something more crass. But am I a "locationally disadvantaged semi-educated youth in search of formal education", or a transfer student? And what do I say when people ask what I did during my past year off? Was I a janitor or a "custodial sanitation engineer in charge of the betterment of lavatory space?" I just do not know.

And hey, I am sorry about those dolphins, but I happen to *really like* tuna. And what about those who don't eat meat? Are they "herbivorous homo-sapiens" or just vegetarians? I am afraid I cannot figure out just what to call them, especially since "babes" have now become women.

These past few days have been quite a change, but I am learning to like hummus and recycling things. But I am still confused by this thing called P.C. How did it begin and can it be changed? Perhaps we should tone it down and ease up on the code. Not only is it restrictive, it quickly gets old.

Well, I have got to go; my newspaper needs sorting, and besides these lights have been running much too long. Perhaps I will put on the Grateful Dead and some warm woolen socks. Or maybe a flannel shirt and my Birkenstocks. Or should I just lie down my swimming head on my "singular unit for non-cohabitional living" bed?

Anton Janik, '7R

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Dean Emerson praises Campus

The first issue of The Campus included an article on diversity at the college, and on our gradual progress in admitting and supporting students of color. Both the article and the accompanying editorial were positive in acknowledging the good efforts and important contributions of students, faculty, and staff over many years.

I am certain that all those in our midst who have worked for progress in this important area appreciated the article and the supportive editorial. This appreciation helps give us the strength to continue our efforts to meet important challenges that remain.

We do acknowledge that much important work remains, and that the commitment of all in the college community will enable us to move ahead.

Thank you to the editorial staff for your appreciation and encouragement. It felt good!

John Emerson
Dean of the College

The Gadfly

By Kevin Marshall

My mind remains overloaded as it attempts to decipher last week's Campus editorial. It is easier to find a woman in DKE than to find the point or thread of logic in the article. The first and last sections somehow are supposed to frame the discussion of Mr. Nesbitt, but the connection escapes me.

I think the argument is this: universal morality and values are archaic. Morality and values sprout from one's culture and so people from different cultures have different morals. (This happens because no universal morals exist, which makes the argument circular, but set that aside for now.) The two arguments above lead to the conclusion that claims of universal morality create conflict between cultures, which is how the editorial ties "family values" to race at Middlebury.

The argument's first pillar crumbles against the inconsistency of the claim that there are no universals is itself a universal claim — there are absolutely not absolute truths. The editorial betrays that the authors do not believe their own claims, unless they wish to deny that people everywhere should respect members of other races.

A corollary of this relativism is that all values and cultures are equal. Then what shall we say about how Saudi Arabia treats women? Without some universal rule of equality, criticizing Saudi Arabia is nothing short of the worst American ethnocentrism.

It is also wrong to assert that morals and cultures walk side by side. If one were to apply that claim to America it would lead to highly questionable conclusions, such as that illegitimacy is a black cultural trait. The correlation has a statistical basis (and is an important one) but to say it is a time honored part of the culture is absurd and borders on racism.

The claim that debating universal morals inherently divides is true, as any debate divides, but the division has no relation to racial lines, and a less than absolute relation to ideological lines.

William Galston wrote for the liberal Progressive Policy Institute that: "Sharply rising rates of divorce, unwed mothers, and runaway fathers do not represent 'alternative life styles.' They are rather patterns of adult behavior with profoundly negative consequences for children...freedom without duties create unacceptalbe social outcomes."

When people make charges that asserting one set of morals over another divides us, is insensitive and closed-minded, and alienates those who fall short of the ideal. They expose that they either don't understand what is being debated or have no counter argument and so must attack character to stop a discussion they are losing. The question of which morals are best touches almost every policy issue, and those who scorn the discussion are burying their heads in sand to avoid the increasingly obvious causes and solutions of our worst social problems.

In the last thirty years, the divorce rate has tripled; the illegitimacy rate has leaped from about 5% to 25%. The illegitimacy rate for blacks is now 63%, for Hispanics — 34%, and for whites — 18%. The percentage of blacks in fatherless families was 20% in 1960 and is now 60%. The numbers are far worse in cities. Maybe, just maybe, this has some relation to our social ills.

The poverty rate for single mother families is about 40%, and the poverty persists, becoming an inheritance. For married couple families the rate is only 6% and their poverty is rarely long-term.

The effect shows itself most with blacks. Median black income as a percentage of median white income was 56% in 1966 and rose only to 59% by 1990. But the same numbers, when measuring the median income of black families headed by a married couple, are 68% in 1967 and 84% in 1989. The immense numerical diversity is because the black family has crumbled in those thirty years.

The decline of families has also affected education. Children know less when they enter school, and once there receive less push and discipline from home.

The emergence of the zero-parent family — usually a mother only family in which she is gone, due to drugs, jail, or youth — has aggravated this. Five percent of all children (11% of black children) now live this way. Compounding the effects on educating, these changes have forced schools to become social service centers, taking money and time from educating.

And of course crime. Nicholas Davidson, in "Policy Review," finds that ninety percent of all arsonists come from a mother only family; seventy five percent of murderers; and sixty percent of rapists. He also found that poverty predicts criminality very poorly.

Perhaps there is one type of family which works best, for all races and cultures, especially for blacks and women. Perhaps there are universal morals. Perhaps we should reconsider our views toward sex and responsibility. Perhaps policy should encourage certain types of families and behavior.

The questions are legitimate and pivotal. If brainless relativism and erroneous pejoratives succeed in choking them, full and free debate and a society crying for care will be the only ones to lose.

Volunteer

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who participated, especially Tiffany Sargent, who never seems to run out of encouragement and ideas.

The only discouraging part about the preview is the lack of knowledge about it on campus. Hopefully, next year when we explain why we have been on campus for so long no one will reply, "Volunteer what???"

Kristina Monson '95
Sonya Schwartz '9

Calvin and Hobbes
by Bill Watterson
I AM THE CULMINATION OF CREATION
WITH NO TAIL?! I DON'T THINK SO!
STOP THAT! MY BUTT DOESN'T NEED AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENT!
WHEN YOU THINK HOW WELL BASIC APPLIANCES WORK, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE ANYONE EVER GETS ON AN AIRPLANE.
HERE, TAKE A PICTURE OF ME OK?
SURE
I'LL SIT HOLDING THIS BIG BOOK, LOOKING CONTEMPLATIVE.
WHY DO YOU WANT A PICTURE LIKE THAT?
ON THE OFF-CHANCE I DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING RESPONSIBLE WITH MY LIFE, I'LL NEED TO ESTABLISH A FICTITIOUS CHILDHOOD.
THIS IS WHAT I LIKE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY PEOPLE THINK CAMERAS ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH
THEY THINK THE CAMERA IS A DISPASSIONATE MACHINE THAT RECORDS ONLY FACTS. BUT REALLY, CAMERAS LIE ALL THE TIME! SELECT THE FACTS AND YOU MANIPULATE THE TRUTH!
FOR EXAMPLE, I'VE CLEARED OFF THIS CORNER OF MY BED. TAKE A PICTURE OF ME HERE, BUT CROP OUT ALL THE MESS AROUND ME, SO IT LOOKS LIKE I KEEP MY ROOM TIDY.
IS THIS EVEN LEGAL?
WAIT, LET ME COMB MY HAIR AND PUT ON A TIE.
OK, THERE'S A PICTURE OF ME LOOKING WELL-ADJUSTED AND PLAYING SPORTS. THAT OUGHT TO DO IT.
YOU HATE SPORTS
YEAH, BUT PEOPLE BELIEVE WHAT THEY SEE, AND NOW WE'VE GOT A PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENT OF A FAKE CHILDHOOD READY FOR ANY FUTURE BIOGRAPHICAL NEEDS I MAY HAVE!
PRETTY SHREWD PLANNING, HUH?
EXCEPT FOR ONE DETAIL. SUPPOSE THE PHOTOGRAPHER DOESN'T KEEP QUIET?
YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, FLEA-BAIT.
OOH, NOW MAGGOT-MAN IS ABOUT TO REVEAL HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO AMAZON-BABE!
I'M A SIMPLE MAN, HOBBES.
YOU!? YESTERDAY YOU WANTED A NUCLEAR POWERED CAR THAT COULD TURN INTO A JET WITH LASER-GUIDED HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES!
I'M A SIMPLE MAN WITH COMPLEX TASTES.

OVERHEARDS

"That babe just sneezed in my beer!" -someone who should have been too drunk to care.

"Dave, is your butt better today?" -a concerned friend

Senior #1: Where are you living this year?
Senior #2: Hepburn. How about you?
Senior #1: Forest.
Senior #2: Aw, I heard that place is infested with rats.
Senior #1: I'd rather live with rats than with freshmen.

"I'm in hell. What's this, the first week?"

"I must have eaten about twelve moths this summer. Me and my buddies used to get drunk and eat 'em just for the hell of it." — a highly bored, highly inventive seeker of culinary thrills and chills from the Campus.

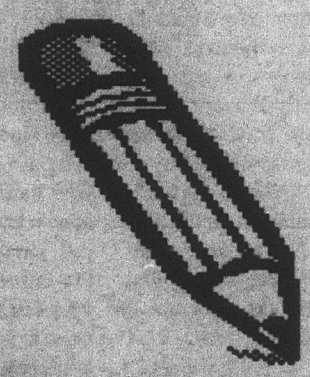
"One time we were night-fishing for catfish, but we couldn't catch anything, so we ate the chicken livers we brought for bait. We cooked 'em in our lamp." — same guy, later on.

"Tried worms that night, too. Tasted like dirt!" — the living Calvin.

"Fast cars, good people, lots of women, plenty of beer and everybody havin' a good ole time. This is the South, baby!" - Grits McGowin

"Under 18? He's all mine!" — Rasty
"If I don't get him first!" — Crispy

"They're so malleable." — Senior (?) woman ogling class of 1996 new faces book.

"Hey Alex. Your car is perplexing." — Senior responding to the wonder of Isuzu Rodeo seatbelts.

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